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Important Events Save the Date!

October 6, 2015 DCCRW Meeting

Mon, **October 19, 2015** DCRP Exec Cmte Meeting

Mon, **October 19** -Fri, **October 30** Early Voting

Tues, **November 2** Voting Day for Constitutional Amendments and Joint Election

November 5 - 7, 2015 TFRW Convention in Lubbock

Tues, **March 1, 2016** Republican Primary Precinct Conventions

Sat, March 19, 2016 Senate District Conventions

May 12 - 14, 2016 Texas GOP Convention in Dallas

July 18 - 21, 2016 National GOP Convention



Republican Women's Clubs in Dallas County Click here for more information on Republican Women's Clubs

Coppell RW www.coppellrepublicanwomen.com

Dallas Downtown RW www.ddrwc.org

Dallas Star RW

First Ladies RW

First RW www.dallas-republicanwomen.com

"What is Proposition 7?

"Proposition 7 ("Prop 7"), a constitutional amendment drafted by legislators in the 84th legislative session and authorized by SJR 5, will appear on the November 2015 statewide ballot. The amendment would authorize a new, stable source of funding for transportation in Texas, dedicated to the construction and maintenance of roads. Upon passage, Prop 7 would dedicate a portion of the general sales and use tax and the motor vehicle sales tax to the general highway fund.

"The amendment would provide a significant step toward meeting the unmet funding needs for transportation projects in Texas. The ballot language for the proposition reads:

'The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.'"

We hope to see you October 6th – and bring a friend and your spouse!

Join the Friends of DCCRW Click here for more information.

Please forward this email to your Republican friends and other like-minded women!



🖿 President's Message

Dear Dallas County Republican Women and Friends,

Are you keeping up with the Presidential debates? If you are a dues-paying Republican Woman, I hope you are! One can learn a lot about how a candidate deals with stressful situations as well as where they stand on complex issues. You just might hear some good ideas that you hadn't considered before as well, so keep listening.

Dallas is getting to host several candidate visits as

Irving RW www.republican-womenirving.com

Lake Highlands RW www.lakehighlandsrw.org

Mesquite RW www.mesquite republicanwomen.com

Northwood RW www.northwood republicanwomen.com

Park Cities RW www.parkcities republicanwomen.org

Preston West RW www.prestonwest republicanwomen.com

Richardson RW http://rrwpac.com/

Members of Local Republican Women's Clubs are also members of the Dallas County Council of Republican Women, the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. We invite You to join us!

TFRW www.tfrw.org

NFRW www.nfrw.org

Republican Party of Texas www.texasgop.org

Dallas County Republican Party http://dallasgop.org

DCCRW Officers and Board Members Click the + to the right of the name to send an email

President Vicki Goode + Preston West RW

Ist Vice President Nancy Natinsky + Northwood RW

Secretary Poppy Airhart + Mesquite West RW

Treasurer/PAC Mary McElvany + Northwood RW

Programs Beccy Ratliff + Coppell RW well as elected officials at this time of year. If you have the chance, attend a few, speak to the candidates/elected officials about issues that are important to you, and perhaps most important, smile & make friends with other women who may not know about our DCCRW clubs. Invite them to come to your next meeting!

I recently attended the second Presidential debate sponsored by 660 AM The Answer, at the Studio Movie Grill. Watching the big screen with a very committed theater full of people is certainly a different experience than watching at home! (It is also cool to push the button and have a burger and drink delivered table side.) And what a nice surprise to see our SD16 senator, Don Huffines, seated right behind the moderator! And I thought I had a good seat!!

There was also a big crowd watching together at the Hyatt Regency hotel downtown, hosted by our Dallas County GOP. If you have the opportunity, next time watch with friends/future friends, discuss, evaluate, and let's hone in on the best possible nominee. Hopefully our eventual nominee will select Cabinet members from the remaining field. We've got some excellent people from which to select!

Finally, have you volunteered yet to serve as an Election Judge? Or serve as a Poll Watcher? What about volunteering to work the 2016 Texas GOP convention at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center? Your vote is important, and so is the work you might do to help bring success to the cause of preserving liberty, integrity, and freedom.

Vicki Goode



Mark Your Calendar!

Join us for our November meeting on November 3rd with guest speaker, Dr. Steve Nguyen!

Our condolences go to Beccy Ratliff on the death of her father, Thomas E. Pafford, "a lifelong Republican," who passed away September 19 in Houston. Our condolences also go to the Pafford and Ratliff families.

Communications Betty Dawson + Dallas Downtown RW

Membership Wanda King + Lake Highlands RW

Legislative Ronda Moreland + Lake Highlands RW

Historian Jeannee O'Neill + First RW

Hospitality Dianne Dees + Richardson RW

Community Involvement Sandy Ammons + Park Cities RW

Projects Kit Whitehill + Coppell RW

Fundraising Susan Fischer + Richardson RW

Publicity Deborah Brown + Lake Highlands RW

Parliamentarian Barbara Foreman + First RW

Immediate Past President Deborah Guerriero + First RW

Click here to submit information or pictures for this Newsletter or for the DCCRW website. This Newsletter will come out about the last Tuesday of the month. The deadline for submitting information is the Friday prior to the last Tuesday.



Friend Us! Join the new DCCRW Friends program!

Among the benefits to our "Friends" who contribute \$100.00 will be a special event and recognition on the website and in the *Republican Reporter*. [See the sidebar for those who have already joined!] More details will be announced soon, but if you want to join <u>now</u>, it's *easy!* The application is here. Just fill it out and send it with your check to the address on the form.

From Ronda Moreland, our Legislative Chair:

Please mark your calendar to get out and vote on November 3rd! While there are no candidates on this upcoming ballot, it is important to exercise your right to vote and give your voice to these important issues that will effect our Great State of Texas. Please make sure you recognize that there may be some local propositions which can be confusing while reviewing your ballot. I recommend a sample ballot that you can pull up at dallascountyvotes.org prior to going into the ballot box.

Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election – November 3, 2015

Early Voting:

- Monday, October 19, 2015 through Friday, October 23, 2015 (8AM 5PM)
- Saturday, October 24, 2015 (8AM 5PM)
- Sunday, October 25, 2015 (1PM 6PM)
- Monday, October 26, 2015 through Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (8AM 5PM)

• Thursday, October 29, 2015 and Friday, October 30, 2015 (7AM – 7PM)

Last day to register to vote for the Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election is Monday, October 5, 2015.

Last day to receive a regular or FPCA application for Ballot by Mail is Friday, October 23, 2015

Proposition 1 (SJR 1)

"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of





Friends of DCCRW Click here to find out more about DCCRW's Friends Program. Join the Friends! An application is here!

- Dot Adler, Dallas Downtown RW
- Poppy Airhart, Mesquite RW
- Betty Dawson, Dallas Downtown RW
- Diane Dees, Richardson RW
- Susan Fischer, Richardson RW
- Barbara Foreman, Preston West RW
- Taffy Goldsmith, First Republican Women
- Vicki Goode, Preston West RW
- Deborah Guerriero, First Republican Women
- Wanda King, Lake Highlands RW
- Mary McElvany, Northwood RW
- Tincy Miller, Park Cities RW
- Dee Phelps, Preston West RW

the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition 2 (HJR 75)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

Proposition 3 (SJR 52)

"The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

Proposition 4 (HJR 73)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Proposition 5 (SJR 17)

"The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."

Proposition 6 (SJR 22)

"The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."

Proposition 7 (SJR 5)

"The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."

For more information about voting in Texas, visit VoteTexas.gov.



The DCCRW "delegation" at the second Presidential debate watch party, sponsored by 660 AM The Answer at the Studio Movie Grill



Rep. Jeb Hensarling and Ronda Moreland at the Capitol from The Dallas Morning News *article "Texas pilgrims eager to welcome Pope Francis as he visits U.S."*

"... the Texas Catholics are flocking to the East Coast to welcome Pope Francis. Few will be as thrilled as Ronda Kay Moreland. The church activist from Lake Highlands will watch the pontiff address Congress as a guest of Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Dallas — an invitation that, when it arrived last month, made her 'the happiest woman in the world."

"'This is the opportunity of a lifetime,' said Moreland, a radio

producer, choking up as she talked about representing her church, St. Thomas Aquinas, with a rare ticket inside the House chamber." To read the entire article, click here.

Debbie Georgatos is on the Radio! Ladies Can We Talk?: Where All Issues are Women's Issues and There Is No War on Women



Join Debbie on **Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** on 660 AM The Answer.

"Speaking up - engaging in America's political conversation - is rooted in American history. It is not only patriotic, it is vital."



• The **Mesquite RW** will meet Wed, **October 1** at 6:45pm. The Mayor of Mesquite will speak. For more details see http://mesquiterepublicanwomen.com

• **Coppell RW** will meet Sun, **October 4** at 3:00pm at River Oaks Assisted Living, 1530 E Sandy Lake Rd, Coppell, TX 75019 for their Third Anniversary Celebration. Kaufman County District Attorney, Erleigh Wylie will speak.

For more details see http://coppellrepublicanwomen.com

• The **Park Cities RW** will meet Tues, **October 20** at 6:30pm at Museum of Biblical Arts, 7500 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75225. The program will be Highlights from the Texas Legislative Session with Representative Morgan Meyer, Representative Kenneth Sheets, and Senator Don Huffines



The Coppell Republican Women and Irving Republican Women are planning a very special event and need your help. We have invited Kris "Tanto" Paronto to present: "13 Hours: The Inside Account Of

What Really Happened In Benghazi".

Mr. Paronto was part the CIA annex security team that responded to the terrorist attack on the US Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, September 11th, 2012, helping to save over 20 lives while fighting off terrorists from the CIA Annex for over 13 hours. Kris tells the insider account of what happened during the 13 hours of assault. He shares the details of the moments, decisions and results of the historic day. It is about what happened on the ground, in the streets, and on the rooftops of Benghazi, when bullets flew and lives were saved, lost, and forever changed.

Kris' passion and mission is to inspire fellow Americans to stand up for what they believe in, be strong, have faith and honor. His story is told in the book "13 Hours" written by Mitchell Zuckoff along with his five surviving annex security team members. You may be aware that "13 Hours" will also be released as a major motion picture in January. You can view the trailer at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CJBuUwd0Os

The program is tentatively scheduled for **Friday**, **October 30** at University of Dallas. As you can imagine, the cost to host Kris is extremely high however the estimated audience of 100+ people would benefit tremendously from hearing his story.

We need to raise a minimum of \$2,500 to make this event happen and hope you will consider being one of our sponsors. Sponsorships will be highlighted through:

- Meeting announcements and promotional materials
- Recognition in the introduction
- Signage recognizing contribution at event.
- Acknowledgement on program materials.
- Sponsorship noted on club websites

"13 Hour" Sponsorship levels are:

- \$1000.00-Patriot Sponsor
- \$500.00-Presenting Sponsor
- \$350.00-Sustaining Sponsor
- \$150.00 Friend Sponsor.

You can read more about Kris at https://kristantoparonto.com,

For more information contact Kit Whitehill at kbwhitehill@gmail.com

For more information on all the Republican Women's Clubs in Dallas County see www.dccrw.org/local clubs.html

From the Dallas County Republican Party

Join the Fight We are the battleground As goes Dallas County, so goes Texas. As goes Texas, so goes the Nation.

With your help we can elect Republicans. It does not matter how much you know about politics or the political system, you can help win the fight in Dallas.

Phone Bank

Help RPT and DCRP find volunteers! Come to DCRP headquarters and call Republicans Phone banks are held every Tuesday from 5pm-7pm

JOIN THE CLUB

Join the Patriot Club or the Reagan Club and help the Dallas GOP year around.

SIGN UP TODAY! You can cancel at any time. To show our appreciation for your support, each Patriot Club member will receive a Dallas GOP window decal. Each Reagan Club member will receive a limited-edition lapel pin with the Dallas GOP logo.

The Dallas County GOP has suggested these top 10 things you can do to help Republicans win in November 2016!

 \checkmark **Meet your neighbors**. Personal relationships are the best way to make meaningful relationships.

V Identify Republicans or independent voters in your precinct. Getting to know your neighbors is only the first step. Take the time to find out if they are conservative, liberal or persuadable. Keep it light and fun, but don't be afraid to talk about the issues of the day. ISIS, Benghazi, President Obama, the National debt, and taxes are bound to elicit interesting conversation.

Become a block captain. If you are a precinct chair, find and appoint block captains to help you work your precinct. If you are not a precinct chair, volunteer to be a block captain. You can find our complete list of precinct chairs at http://dallasgop.org/chairs.

V Help us identify new precinct chairs. If a nearby precinct doesn't have a precinct chair, recruit one. Just have him or her fill out our precinct chair application on our website. The Executive Committee will be appointing precinct chairs until February. Precinct Chair elections are in March.

✓ **Sign up for mobile alerts**. With any mobile phone, text the word VoteGOP to the number 313131 to instantly register. This is also a quick and easy way for you to connect friends and neighbors who also want to get involved with the Dallas GOP. Just pass on this tip.

Volunteer at DallasGOP HQ. We need volunteers on a daily basis. You can volunteer to answer phones, enter data, stuff envelopes or countless other things. Want to work from home? Then you can help us with graphics design or our website. We can plug you in. To see all the volunteer opportunities, go to DallasGOP.org/volunteer.

✓ Volunteer to be an Election Judge, alternate Election Judge or Poll Watcher. We always need Election Judges, alternate judges and poll watchers. To work as an EJ or AEJ, just call HQ at (214) 369-9555 or send an email to elections@dallasgop.org. To work as a poll watcher, shoot an email to our Ballot Integrity Chair, Berta Montes at berta@dallasgop.org. You can also check out helpful guides for Election Judges and Poll watchers at http://dallasgop.org/elections.

✓ Volunteer for the Texas GOP Convention. The State Republican Convention is in Dallas in May 2016. The Dallas County party is responsible for recruiting and organizing all the volunteers at the convention. Working the convention is a great way to see behind the scenes and develop life-long memories. To be one of the select few who get to work the convention, call Dallas GOP HQ at (214) 369-9555 or send an email to elections@dallasgop.org. ✓ Keep your network informed. Keep your precinct or block engaged this summer by keeping them informed. Prepare a monthly email newsletter or distribution list. Maybe start a Twitter account or Facebook page for your precinct.

✓ Check out our Precinct Chair Grassroots Guide. Our Precinct Chair Grassroots Guide was updated last year with great information. Learn about the election process, how the party is organized at the National, State and County levels, how to canvas, and how to organize literature drops. There is so much great information that will help you organize your precinct.

Before you know it, the election season will be here. What we do in 2015 will lay the groundwork for our success in 2016. Don't wait until it's too late.

DCRP has been sending out an email every Monday with the events of the week. Please make sure your event is posted to the events calendar at dallasgop.org/events. Ali Sharp will be copying and pasting exactly what is on the calendar. If you are having any issues please feel free to contact Ali and she will be happy to help.

The Candidates (in alphabetical order)



Jeb Bush, former Governor of Florida

https://jeb2016.com/

Author of *Reply All* (Oct, 2015), *Immigration Wars* (2014), and *Profiles in Character* (1996)



Ben Carson, MD, Pediatric Neurosurgeon

https://www.bencarson.com/

Author of *A More Perfect Union* (Oct, 2015), *One Nation* (2015), *You Have A Brain* (2015), *America, The Beautiful* (2013), *Gifted Hands* (2011) and others



Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey

http://chris-christie-for-president.com/ Author of The American Family: A Memoir (2010)



Ted Cruz, U.S. Senator from Texas

www.tedcruz.org/ Author of A Time for Truth (2015)





Carly Fiorina, Businesswoman, former CEO of Hewlitt-Packard

https://carlyforpresident.com/

Author of Rising to the Challenge (2015), Tough Choices (2007)



Jim Gilmore, former Governor of Virginia www.gilmoreforamerica.com/



Lindsay Graham, U.S. Senator from South

Carolina www.lindseygraham.com/



Mike Huckabee, former Governor of

Arkansas

www.mikehuckabee.com/

Author of God, Guns, Grits and Gravy (2015), Dear Chandler, Dear Scarlett (2012), A Simple Government (2012), Do The Right Thing (2008)



Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana

www.bobbyjindal.com/

Author of *American Will* (Oct, 2015), *Leadership and Crisis* (2010)



John Kasich, Governor of Ohio

https://johnkasich.com/ Author of Every Other Monday (2011), Stand for Something (2006), Courage is Contagious (1998)





George Pataki, former Governor of New York

www.georgepataki.com/ Author of *Pataki: An Autobiography* (1998)



Rand Paul, U.S. Senator from Kentucky https://www.randpaul.com/

Author of *Taking a Stand* (2015), *Suicide Pact* (with Andrew Napolitano) (2014), *Government Bullies* (2012), *The Tea Party Goes to Washington* (2011)



Marco Rubio, U.S. Senator from Florida

https://marcorubio.com/

Author of *American Dreams* (Oct, 2015), *An American Son* (2013), *100 Innovative Ideas for Florida's Future* (2006)



Rick Santorum, former U.S. Senator from

Pennsylvania

http://www.ricksantorum.com/

Author of *Bella's Gift* (2015), *Blue Collar Conservatives* (2014), *American Patriots* (with William J. Bennett) (2012), *It Takes a Family* (2006)



Donald Trump, President/CEO of The Trump

Organization

www.donaldjtrump.com/

Author of *Time to Get Tough* (2015), *Think Like a Champion* (2010), *The America We Deserve* (2010), *Think Big* (2008), *Trump Strategies for Real Estate* (2006), *The Art of the Deal* (2004), *The Art of the Comeback* (1997) and others



The Debates

 $\sqrt{$ Wednesday, October 28, 2015, CNBC Republican Debate (Aired On CNBC); Location: University of Colorado in Boulder $\sqrt{$ November, 2015, Fox Business/WSJ Republican Debate (Aired On Fox Business Network); Location: Wisconsin

 $\sqrt{\text{December 15, 2015}}$, CNN/Salem Republican Debate (Aired On CNN); Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

 $\sqrt{$ January, 2016, Fox News Republican Debate (Aired On: Fox News Channel); Location: Iowa

 $\sqrt{\text{February 6, 2016}}$, ABC/IJReview Republican Debate (Aired On: ABC); Location: St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire

 $\sqrt{\rm February}$ 13, 2016, CBS News Republican Debate (Aired On: CBS); Location: South Carolina

 $\sqrt{\text{February 26, 2016}}$, NBC/Telemundo Republican Debate (Aired On: NBC and Telemundo); Location: Texas

 $\sqrt{\rm March,\,2016},\,{\rm Fox\,News}$ Republican Debate (Aired On: Fox News Channel); Location: TBD

 $\sqrt{\text{March 10, 2016}}$, CNN/Salem Republican Debate (Aired On: CNN); Location: Florida

News from Republican Party of Texas Read the latest at www.texasgop.org



Congratulations to **Marty Forte'** who won the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for Senate District 16 for her amazing work and accomplishments for the Republican Party and for Dallas County.

There are several new key persons working for the RPT. We have a new Executive Director, Kyle Watley and a new Fundraising Director, Kelly Glaser. We also have a newly updated GOP Data Center, which is an extensive voter database.



TFRW has moved! Their new address is 13740 N Highway 183, Suite J4, Austin TX 78750

The TFRW President's Newsletter is available by email to all members of federated republican women's clubs. If you are not receiving it, you can ask for it to be sent to you by contacting TFRW

from Theresa Kosmoski, RP, VP Bylaws Can you Amend proposed Bylaws Amendments??

We are nearing the time of year, the Biennial Convention; this year delegates will have ten potential amendments to the TFRW Bylaws to consider – and your clubs may be considering amending your own bylaws.

The question I get most often is, "Can we amend the amendments? Does the notice requirement affect amendments to the amendments?" The simple answer is "yes" and "yes". Amending bylaws utilizes a special application of the motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted, and has a few unique characteristics. ... To read the entire article – and how to do it, click here.

TFRW Calendar - This feature has been available for awhile, but may be new to you. If you would like your club meetings or special events listed in our online calendar, please contact webmaster@tfrw.org with the information!

Click here for a printable copy





Delegates to the 38th Biennial NFRW Convention passed three policy resolutions:

• supporting transfer of federally controlled public land to willing states;

• supporting a Balanced Budget Amendment and encouraging NFRW members to help trigger the change needed to restore fiscal stability;

supporting the Toxic Exposure Research Act in

furtherance of our long-standing commitment to our men and women serving in uniform, our veterans and their families.

Resolutions also passed recognizing the presidential candidates who participated in the convention, as well as other speakers and presenters; honoring the host committee, staff, the city of Phoenix, and the JW Marriott Desert Ridge; and honoring NFRW President Kathy Brugger. Read the resolutions here.

Bylaws Amendments

The convention adopted two amendments to the NFRW bylaws. The first allows the call to the biennial convention to be sent electronically; the second includes all members of the Executive Committee (including the three at-large members) as automatic delegates. The amendments can be found here.

The NFRW website has a great deal of information of national interest. See www.nfrw.org.

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