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News from the Dallas County Council of Republican Women

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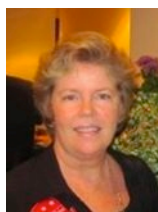
Important Events *Save the Date!*

February 3, 2014
Last day to register to vote in the March Primary

February 4, 2014
DCCRW Meeting

February 18-28, 2014
Early Voting for the Primary

At our February Meeting



Dorrie O'Brien

will speak on
The Language of Islam:
It's Not What You Hear.

February 4, 2014
9:30 Coffee & Socializing
10:00-11:00 Program

Location: US Congressman Pete Sessions HQ
6306 Greenville Ave. Dallas 75206
(NE corner Greenville/Caruth Haven)
Click [here](#) for a map.

Bring your friends and husbands to this informative meeting.
Click [here](#) for more information on Dorrie O'Brien

Are You Receiving This Newsletter for the First Time?

First, thank you for opening it and reading this far! As a Republican Woman, we thought you might be interested in some of the things we have planned. Our programs this year are focusing on issues, and we have some informative and

February 28, 2014
DCRP's Reagan Day Dinner

March 4, 2014
Primary Election Day
Precinct Convention

March 11, 2014
DCCRW Meeting (New Date)

March 22, 2014
SD Conventions

April 1, 2014
DCCRW Meeting

May 6, 2014
DCCRW Meeting

May 19-23, 2014
Early Voting for the Primary
Run-off

May 27, 2014
Primary Run-off Election

June 5-7, 2014 at the Ft. Worth
Convention Center



Republican Women's Clubs in Dallas County

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information on Republican
Women's Clubs

Bentwood RW

Coppell RW
www.coppellrepublicanwomen.com

Dallas Downtown RW
www.ddrwc.org

Dallas Star RW

First Ladies RW

First RW
www.dallas-republican-women.com

Greater Lakewood RW

Irving RW
www.republican-women-irving.com

Lake Highlands RW
www.lakehighlandsrw.org

Mesquite RW
www.mesquite-republicanwomen.com

Northwood RW
www.northwood-republicanwomen.com

thought-provoking speakers planned. Our January speaker was Dr. Merrill Matthews from the Institute for Policy Innovation who spoke on Obamacare. Our February meeting will feature Dorrie O'Brien speaking on the Language of Islam. We usually meet the first Tuesday morning of the month, unless there is an election, and we have several evening meetings. We hope you can join us whenever your schedule permits. You can unsubscribe at any time, but we hope you won't!

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



President's Message

Republican Women from all over Texas braved ice, sleet and snow to participate in the TFRW Boot camp in Austin, but the information and guidance we received made it well worth the trip. Presidents received the invaluable tool known as *The Handbook*, a guide not only for the president but for each of the positions on the leadership team of every local club.

Your president should be sharing that information with you if you are filling a board position in your club, so let her know you are eager to get that guidance from TFRW as soon as she can get it to you. Not all presidents were able to attend, but someone who did go will be bringing it to the president soon.

Theresa Kosmoski, TFRW VP Bylaws, is setting up an online bylaw storage that all Texas clubs will have access to. All clubs need to send their amended bylaws in this year, and she would prefer that they be sent to her online. She anticipates a much quicker turnaround time for bylaw approval than we have experienced in past years.

Cheri Creekmore, TFRW VP Campaign Activities, is responsible for campaign schools and is hoping to expand into areas of the state that have not yet hosted the campaign schools. She also shared the good news that online reporting of campaign hours has been greatly simplified...if you are Campaign Director of your club, this is very good news!

Timothy C. Daughtry, PhD, gave a very entertaining and informative presentation instructing us on how to change the conversation with liberals so that we are promoting rather than defending liberty, and the liberal is in the position of defending socialism. His book's lengthy title says it well: **Waking the Sleeping Giant: How Mainstream Americans Can Beat Liberals at Their Own Game.**

We are looking forward to Dorrie O'Brien's presentation at

Park Cities RW
www.parkcitiesrepublicanwomen.org

Preston West RW
www.prestonwestrepublicanwomen.org

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!

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Parliamentarian

Shirley Selman +
First RW

the DCCRW February 4 meeting. She is very well informed on the radical Islamic incursions into American governmental and educational entities. Our freedoms are eroding at an alarming rate, and Ms. O'Brien will be sharing details with us.

And don't forget that Reagan Day is coming soon. February 28 is the day; the Omni downtown is the place, and a ticket will cost you a mere \$100.00. Best of all you will get to hear Nikki Haley, Republican governor of South Carolina! ***If you would like to sit at a DCCRW table, send me your check made out to DCRP and I will turn them in together to reserve a table... move fast, cause three of the seats are already spoken for!***

See you Tuesday, February 4,

Vicki Goode

Our heartfelt condolences go to Taffy Goldsmith on the loss of her husband Cliff. His obituary may be read [here](#). If you wish to make a memorial contribution, his family has asked that they be directed to Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

News from DCCRW



At our January meeting Dr. Merrill Matthews of the Institute for Policy Innovation spoke on Obamacare, its many problems and possible solutions.

The **Minutes** of the January General Meeting may be read [here](#). Please review them, and send any corrections or additions to Secretary, Poppy Airhart, [here](#).

Click [here](#) for pictures of the **Christmas Tea** and Installation of Officers.

News from Local Clubs

- **Mesquite RW** will meet February 6 at 7:00pm. Speaker will be Judge Mary Murphy. Contact cgates@mail.com for details
- **Coppell RW** will meet February 9 at 3:00pm. Speaker will be Rafael Cruz. See coppellrepublicanwomen.com
- **Dallas Downtown RW** will meet February 11, at GOP HQ, 6:30pm. See www.ddrwc.org for details.
- **Irving Republican Women** and **Coppell Republican Women** will host a Candidate Meet and Greet on February 13,

Advisory

Cindy Clendenen +
Park Cities RW

Advisory

Annette Ratliff +
Lake Highlands RW

Immediate Past President

Deborah Guerriero +
First RW

Click [here](#) to submit information or pictures for this Newsletter or for the DCCRW website. Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 23.

7:00-9:00pm at Hackberry Creek Country Club. Click [here](#) for more information and a printable flyer.

- **Lake Highlands RW** will host a Candidate Forum on February 19, 9:30am at Pete Sessions HQ. Contact cecileemily@hotmail.com for details
- **First Republican Women** will host their **Third Annual Trivia Night** on February 20, 2014 at Pete Sessions HQ; 5:30 Dickey's BBQ; 6:00 Trivia! For more information and a printable flyer, click [here](#).
- **Preston West RW** will host a Forum for candidates for District Attorney on February 26, 9:30am, at Farmers Branch Rec. Center. See prestonwestrepublicanwomen.org for details



Warning! Scams, Hoaxes and Dirty Tricks!

- Several members of RW clubs have received emails that events have been "cancelled," when in fact they were not. Obviously, the point is to create confusion and to reduce the attendance at our meetings.
- We also hear that invitations to events from questionable or unknown organizations have been sent out to Republicans, either to pull you in so you can be subjected to Democrat Talking Points, sign you up for something you don't want, or waste your time!

Please advise others to check the source of the email or check with (or ON) the hosting group, if it is not from someone you know and trust!



From the Dallas County Republican Party



Friday, February 28, 2014

★ Omni Dallas Hotel, 555 S. Lamar Street ★

7:00 p.m. VIP Reception ★ 8:00 p.m. Dinner

Honorary Chair

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Co-Chairs

Hon. Harriet Miers | Hon. Merrie Spaeth

Hon. Tincy Miller | Hon. Maurine Dickey

Tickets are \$100. Purchase [here](#)



Remember to attend the Precinct Convention

when the Polls close on March 4 if you wish to be a delegate or an alternate to the SD Conventions and the State Convention!

Get to know the Judges

Remember Wade Emmert's mantra: If you won't vote for a Republican you don't know, you will get a Democrat you don't want! Yet it still happens; Republicans don't vote all the way down the ballot. Different "down ballot" candidates will be highlighted in the next issues of the Republican Reporter, so when you talk to your friends about our very competent and well-qualified candidates, you can speak with authority and with facts.

Judicial Candidates in the Primary (in alphabetical order by Court)†

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3



Bert Richardson

Bert Richardson serves as a Senior Judge throughout Texas. He was appointed to the bench by Gov. Bush. Judge Richardson has over 25 years of trial experience as a lawyer and judge. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bexar County and an Assistant United States Attorney in San Antonio. While working in those positions, Judge Richardson wrote over 60 appellate briefs (State & Federal) and tried several capital cases before juries in Bexar County. He is Board Certified in Criminal Law, fluent in Spanish and has taught at the local colleges and St. Mary's Law School for over 15 years.

About this Court

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (TCCA) is the State's high court for all criminal cases. All death penalty cases are automatically reviewed by the TCCA. The TCCA has the discretion to review other criminal cases reviewed by other intermediate appellate courts. When it does review those cases, the Court delivers a written opinion that explains the reason for its decision. It is the busiest appellate court in the country. Click [here](#) for more information and a printable Fact Sheet

www.ElectJudgeRichardson.com

<https://www.facebook.com/JudgeBertRichardson>



Barbara Walther

Judge Barbara Walther is a Republican candidate for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

- First Republican, first woman elected as district judge in the 51st Judicial District in West Texas.
- Six campaigns, six victories.
- Judicial officer 27 years; multiple statewide positions in State Bar.
- Received national admiration in 2008 for her handling of the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) trials, including conviction of the group's leader, Warren Jeffs.
- Lifelong Republican. Active member Holy Angels Catholic Church. Married to Steven Walther, MD for 39 years; mother, grandmother.
- BA, University of Texas; JD, Southern Methodist University.

About this Court

- The Court of Criminal Appeals it is the highest Texas court for criminal cases.
 - Death penalty cases appeal directly to the Court.
 - Other appeals are first considered by one of fourteen Courts of Appeal.
 - Writs of habeas corpus for felony convictions, including death penalty cases, are solely within this Court's responsibility.
 - Court also has rule-making responsibility for criminal matters.
- Click [here](#) for more information and a printable Fact Sheet

www.barbarawalther.com

<https://www.facebook.com/JudgeBarbaraWalther>

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4

Richard Dean Davis

Contacted, but did not respond



Jani Jo Wood

I am a "constitutional conservative." I will judge cases in accord with the Constitution and let the law dictate the result. I worked at the Court of Criminal Appeals as a staff attorney and have argued many cases there. As a defense attorney, I have spent almost 20 years proudly safeguarding the individual rights of our

citizens against government overreach. Most of those years were spent in private practice running my own business. I am an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law School.

As a Republican, I believe government is not always the answer and needs oversight.

About this Court

This is the highest criminal court in Texas. This Court only hears appeals. There are no trials - just legal arguments by lawyers. Because the judges write legal opinions, they should be legal scholars. Ideally, judges on this Court should be board certified in criminal appellate law. I am the only candidate in this race so certified.

Click [here](#) for more information

<http://www.janijowood.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/JaniJoWoodforJudge>



Kevin Patrick Yeary

I have been a lawyer for 22 years. I have been a briefing attorney at the Court of Criminal Appeals, a defense attorney, and for the last 18 years I have served as a Texas appellate prosecutor. I have litigated hundreds of appeals, including cases before the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court, and the US Supreme Court. I am not board certified, but I currently help write and grade the exam for board certification in Criminal Appellate Law. I would be humbled and honored to serve as Judge, Place 4, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

About this Court

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is Texas' highest appellate court for criminal law matters. It is the court that reviews all death penalty cases on appeal. It has discretion to review all criminal law decisions by the Texas intermediate appellate courts, and it resolves all felony post-conviction applications for the writ of habeas corpus.

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www.yearyforjudge.com

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals PI 9



W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall

I am running for place 9, Court of Criminal Appeals. I have worked in the criminal justice field for almost 40 years. I am currently in my third term as district judge. I served 21 years as the elected district attorney in my district. Before that, I practiced criminal law as a defense lawyer for 10 years. I also worked for the Court of Criminal Appeals as a briefing attorney, drafting opinions for the judges. The Court will lose at least 3, and maybe 4, of its judges this election, and the new judges must be ready to exercise leadership and judgment immediately. I am uniquely qualified to serve.

About this Court

The Court of Criminal Appeals is the supreme court in Texas for criminal matters. The court decides vital matters such as capital punishment, actual innocence claims, how to handle changing forensic evidence, Texans' gun rights, and search and seizure rules. It is also the busiest appellate court in the United States, making more decisions and issuing more opinions than any other. It is little known by the general public, in some respects, but its decisions affect Texans' rights and safety more than any other. It is crucial that we have experienced, conservative leadership for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Click [here](#) for more information and a printable Fact Sheet

www.judgefortexas.com

www.facebook.com/judgefortexas



David C. Newell

A graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, David Newell has been an appellate prosecutor for 16 years, currently in the Harris County District Attorney's Office. He is Board Certified in both Criminal Law and Criminal Appellate Law. He has written and lectured extensively on criminal law for the State Bar and the Texas District and County Attorney's Association. In 2013, David received the C. Chris Marshall Award for Distinguished Faculty from TDCAA. David and his wife, Shayne, live in Missouri City with their two sons -- Peter (age 12) and Jacob (age 10). You can find out more about his qualifications at www.newellforjudge.com.

About this Court

The Court of Criminal Appeals is a nine member court, and the highest court in Texas for criminal cases. It issues written

opinions evaluating the decisions of the intermediate courts of appeals across Texas. It also has sole authority to grant writs of habeas corpus in felony cases. All death penalty cases on both direct appeal and collateral attack through habeas corpus go directly to the Court. The Court also promulgates rules of evidence and appellate procedure as well as administers public funds for the education of judges and lawyers of Texas.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information and flyers

www.newellforjudge.com

<https://www.facebook.com/newellforjudge>

Justice, Supreme Court of Texas PI 6



Jeff Brown

Justice Jeff Brown was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court by Gov. Rick Perry in September 2013. Before his appointment, Justice Brown accumulated 12 years of judicial experience as a trial judge and appellate justice. Justice Brown is a fifth-generation native Dallasite, the son of a 35-year Dallas police officer, and is an Eagle Scout. After law school, he worked as a law clerk for then-Texas Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott. He and his wife, a schoolteacher, have three children and are active in their church. Justice Brown is solidly conservative, devoted to the Constitution and the rule of law.

About this Court

The Texas Supreme Court is Texas' highest court for civil, family, and juvenile cases (everything but criminal). The Court also has administrative and rulemaking authority over the Texas judiciary and the legal profession. Like the U.S. Supreme Court, it is a court of discretionary review, which means it decides what cases it takes. The Court's nine members are elected statewide.

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www.JusticeJeffBrown.com

Joe Pool

Could not be contacted

Justice, Supreme Court of Texas PI 8

Phil Johnson

Contacted but did not respond

<http://www.justicephiljohnson.com/>

Sharon McCally

Could not be contacted

Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas



Nathan Hecht

I was first elected to the Supreme Court in 1988 — one of the first three Republicans elected since Reconstruction — to restore integrity and excellence to the Court. Over the past 25 years, I and my colleagues have achieved that. Now, when the Governor makes a case for businesses and individuals moving to Texas, the Court and the justice system are Exhibit A. The Court is highly respected nationally. I was a Dallas trial and appellate judge. I have an established record of hard work, trusted decisions, improvements to judicial efficiency, and access to justice for the poor.

About this Court

The Supreme Court is the highest Texas court for civil cases and responsible for the administration and procedure of the Texas judiciary. The Court sets policies for the judicial system and consults with other states' supreme courts to improve the efficiency and quality of the justice system.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information and flyers
www.justicenathanhecht.com

Robert Talton

Could not be contacted

†This information was provided by the Candidates and does not indicate an endorsement of either candidate in the primary election.

Many groups are having Candidate Forums or Candidate Meet and Greet Events. Many of them are listed [here](#).



Primary Election Day is March 4, 2014.

Early voting is February 18 - 28, 2014

Attend the Precinct Convention when the polls close
on March 4.



From the Republican Party of Texas

2014 TEXAS GOP CONVENTION

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FIGHT TO KEEP TEXAS RED

The RPT has already confirmed Senator Rand Paul, Senator Ted Cruz and Governor Rick Perry, all rumored Presidential candidates, to speak to our delegates and straw poll participants.

You don't have to be a delegate or alternate to participate in convention. By registering now, your registration fee for the straw poll will be applied to the convention facility fee if you are later elected as a convention delegate or alternate.

Straw Poll tickets are limited and this event is sure to sell out quickly. Be sure to reserve your opportunity to vote today! Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



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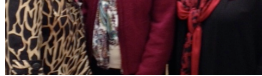
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Some pictures of our energetic DCCRW Leaders who attended the TFRW Boot Camp on January 25.

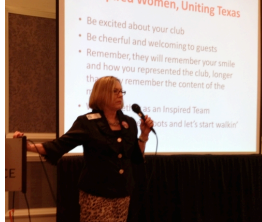


Left to right: Deborah Guerriero (District Dir -SD 16), Elena Blake (VP-Programs, Irving RW), Nancy Natinsky (VP-DCCRW)





L to R: Marilu Fleming, Pam Meyercord (TFRW Parliamentarian), Nancy Natinsky (VP-DCCRW)



TFRW President Jody Rushton, from Plano, addresses the attendees

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