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News from the Dallas County Council of Republican Women

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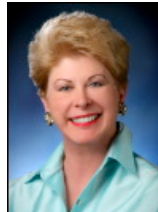
Save the Date!

February 18-28, 2014
Early Voting for the Primary

February 28, 2014
DCRP's Reagan Day Dinner

March 4, 2014

At our March Meeting



Hon. Maurine Dickey

will speak on

Hope for the Brave

www.hopeforthebrave.org



March 11, 2014

(Due to the Primary on March 4)

9:30 Coffee & Socializing

10:00-11:00 Program

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

Click [here](#) for more
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

Park Cities RW
www.parkcities.com



Location

University Park Community Room

3rd floor of the building that houses the UP Library
8383 Preston Center Plaza, in Preston Center.
(in the southeast quadrant of the Preston Rd./Northwest Hwy
intersection)

The entrance is on the south side of the building.

Click [here](#) for a map

Bring your friends and husbands to this informative meeting.

Click [here](#) for more information about Maurine Dickey.

New to This Newsletter?

Welcome to the Dallas County Council of Republican Women. Our programs this year are focusing on issues; we have some informative and thought-provoking speakers planned. We usually meet the first Tuesday morning of the month, unless there is an election, and we have several evening meetings. There are other ways you can participate, as well. 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

Everyone should be hard at work for the candidates of your choice for the Republican Primary. Early voting continues until Friday February 28, and Election Day is Tuesday March 4. **Do not fail to vote, and do not stop voting until you get to the end of the ballot!**

Many of our judicial candidates are unopposed in the primary, but there is a definite psychological advantage, come November, to having gotten an awesome endorsement of voters in the Primary! Encourage all your conservative acquaintances to get informed and vote in the Primary. Those who vote in the Primary are much more likely to remain involved and interested, and will complete their work by voting again in the November election. As Wade Emmert has said, "If you don't vote for a Republican that you don't know, you will get a Democrat that you don't want."

I am excited to have our first meeting at the University Park Community Room, one floor above the Public Library in Preston

republicanwomen.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!

TFRW
www.tfrw.org

NFRW
www.nfrw.org

Republican Party of Texas
www.texasgop.org

Dallas County Republican Party
<http://dallasgop.org>

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Lake Highlands RW

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Cecile Fernandez +
Lake Highlands RW

Historian
Jeannee O'Neill +
First RW

Hospitality
Dianne Dees +
Richardson RW

Center. The room is spacious and attractive and there is plenty of parking, not to mention several appealing places to grab lunch after the meeting...And don't overlook that our meeting is one week later, so as not to conflict with Election Day!

So let's get together and tell our Election stories on **Tuesday, March 11**, and enjoy a great presentation by our friend and former County Commissioner, Maurine Dickey!
Vicki Goode

News from DCCRW

At our February meeting Dorrie O'Brien spoke on the Language of Islam. If you want more information on this topic, she has recently updated her book, *500+ Islamic Words You Should Know: An Encyclopedia of Islam*.

THANK YOU to the **Dallas Star RW** for bringing refreshments!

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



VOLUNTEER!

The Dallas County Republican Party needs clerks for election day!

What do I do to sign up?

Email Andrea Coker at andrea@dallasgop.org or call 214.369.9555 with your contact information and the area that you would like to work. She will put you in touch with an Election Judge close to you. Have questions? Send her an email at andrea@dallasgop.org



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.

News from Local Clubs

• **Preston West RW** will host a Forum for candidates for District Attorney on February 26, 9:30am, at Farmers Branch

Community Involvement

Susie Lowry +
Greater Lakewood RW

Projects

Brenda Gaustad +
Northwood RW

Parliamentarian

Shirley Selman +
First RW

Advisory

Cindy Clendenen +
Park Cities RW

Advisory

Annette Ratliff +
Lake Highlands RW

Immediate Past President

Deborah Guerriero +
First RW

Click [here](#) for the list of clubs to bring refreshments.

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

Rec. Center. See prestonwestrepublicanwomen.org for details

- **Coppell RW** will meet March 2 at 3pm at the Coppell Public Library. The guest speaker will be Karen Watson, founder and President of GOPBuzz.com, an internet portal for Republican centric events nationwide.

See www.coppellrepublicanwomen.com for details

- **Mesquite RW** will meet March 6 at 7:00pm. The guest speaker will be Ron Natinsky, Candidate for Dallas County Judge

- **Dallas Downtown RW** will meet March 11 at 6:30pm at Dallas GOP HQ. Speaker will be Candy Noble, State Committeewoman for SD8.

See www.dccrw.org for details.

- **Lake Highlands RW** will meet on March 19 at 9:30am.

Contact suzysp@aol.com for details.

- **Bentwood RW** will meet Monday, March 17 (Please note a Change of Date!) at 7:00 P.M. Congressman Pete Sessions will be the speaker. cbcnelson@sbcglobal.net for more information

- **Preston West RW** will host a Forum for Texas Attorney General candidates on March 26 at 10:00am at the Farmers Branch Rec. Center. See prestonwestrepublicanwomen.org for details

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



Northwood Republican Women Deliver Dictionaries

Lisa Leach, NRW's 2013 Literacy Chairman, and Nancy Natinsky, Past President of NRW, delivered Dictionaries to an Adult English Class at Anne Frank Elementary School. The ladies were very receptive and grateful for the books. They all had children attending Anne Frank and were there to learn English so they can be better Moms and better members of American society. Lisa and Nancy informed them of who NRW and Republicans were and what we stand for. They were very receptive and it definitely was an uplifting experience for us all. Anne Frank has many opportunities for our members to participate and we will be doing more during this year.



"Whiz Kids" (AKA "Infallibles") "Go for the 2014 Gold" in their 2nd sweep of FRW Trivia Night!

The **First Republican Women's** Trivia Fun 2014 brought in \$1,075 to go to the GOP Candidates in the General Election! Thank You To All Supporters!



First Republican Women awarded Kalen Doyle, VMSRA Tutor/Greenhill Senior and future St. Olaf College freshman, their first Youth Leader Award for her work with Vickery Meadow Summer Reading Academy. Deborah Guerriero, FRW Leader par excellence, received the first Ethyl Stallings Founders Award for Outstanding FRW Member from President Jeannee O'Neill and Committee Chair Shirley G. Selman



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.

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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

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kevin-Patrick-Yeary/294280030701712>

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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.judgekfortexas.com

www.facebook.com/judgekfortexas



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.

Click here for more information and a printable flyer
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.

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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](#).



From the Republican Party of Texas



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.



News from TFRW

Confused about Volunteer Hours?

Read this explanation from the TFRW website.

There is a wealth of information on the TFRW website! www.tfrw.org

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News from NFRW

NFRW Publishes First Edition of Round Table Newsletter

The first edition of "The NFRW Round Table," a monthly newsletter for Federation leaders, including club and state presidents, is available. NFRW's goal is to foster a closer relationship with Federation leaders and to provide them with information, materials and tools to help build stronger state federations and clubs and to increase membership. While the newsletter is geared toward Federation leaders, all members are invited to access and read it.

[READ the January 2014 issue of the NFRW ROUND TABLE \[Kvisoft FlipBook\]](#)

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