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DCCRW **March** Meeting

Our speaker will be
President of Defense by Design
Jeff McKissack



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who will speak on

Personal Safety: Is There an "App" for That?

There is certainly a place for technology in our world, especially as it relates to personal safety. But is it smart "phones" or smart "people" that are needed? How do you better sharpen your instincts and discernment when faced not with a gun or knife -- but a "good story"? How do you "update" your own personal safety through enhanced awareness? Jeff McKissack, President of Defense By Design, will help us do just that as he offers us four distinct strategies to make us more aware (not afraid) of our surroundings and the people we encounter on a daily basis.

Important Events
Save the Date!

March 3, 2015
DCCRW Meeting

April 7, 2015
DCCRW Meeting

April 16, 2015
Legislative Day

May 5, 2015
DCCRW Evening Mtg

Click [here](#) to read more about Jeff McKissack and Defense by Design.

When: Tuesday, March 3, 2015

9:30 am Coffee

10:00 am Program

Where: Pete Sessions Campaign Headquarters

6306 Greenville Ave. (at Caruth Haven)

(Click [here](#) for a Map)



**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-republican-women.com

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-republicanwomen.org

Preston West RW
www.prestonwest-republicanwomen.com

Richardson RW
<http://rrwpac.com/>

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



President's Message

Hope this newsletter finds you warm and cozy. We are in the midst of our few minutes of serious winter, and it does tend to paralyze us, doesn't it?

If you have the luxury of staying home as work, school, and meetings are cancelled by the dozens, I suggest that you take time to catch up on the myriad of tasks that you have been forced to put off while you hurried about taking care of the usual emergencies and interruptions. Update your calendar...have you signed on for the bus trip for Legislative Day? April 16 is not that far away!

Keep up with the workings of the State Legislature. Decisions made in Austin will impact us all. Our legislators want to keep us apprised, as well as find out how we are leaning on the various issues. State tax decisions affect the way local governments pay for the services they render, so your City government or school district may be at odds with your legislators. Take the time to learn both sides before you decide which side you think best serves your community and upholds the values that strengthen America's core.

Protecting our liberties is hard work and takes a proactive community working together to make it happen. So let's study the issues, engage our legislators and representatives, and plan on visiting several of them on April 16 as well as taking advantages of the town hall meetings that are held when they are back at home.

I also encourage you to keep up with what other clubs are

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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Park Cities RW

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doing. I have heard some very interesting and worthwhile programs as I have visited various DCCRW Club meetings. Links in this newsletter will guide you to some interesting programs, so please take advantage of those opportunities.

For those of you who were able to come to the Leadership Training held earlier this month, review your notes and put into action some of those good practices that you learned. Put into practice those things which make your club stronger and more effective. And thanks of course to those women who planned, presented and prepared in advance to make the day the success it was.

See you March 3!

Vicki Goode

Some members of Republican Women's clubs have been contacted by the press, asking for a comment on an issue.

As a reminder, Article III, Section 5 of our bylaws states that: *This organization and its officers shall not issue statements or pass resolutions on controversial issues in the name of the organization without first polling its members and obtaining a two-thirds (2/3) written vote of approval of the total membership.*

This reminder is just to alert you to be thoughtful and measured if you go beyond, "No comment," in a response to a reporter, and to be clear that you speak only for yourself, not as a representative of your club or the Council as a whole.



News from DCCRW

At our February meeting Chairman of the Railroad Commission, Christi Craddick, spoke on the state of the oil and gas industry in Texas and the country.

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](#).

DCCRW & GCRW Bus to Austin for TFRW Day! April 16th, 2015

5:30am - Boarding begins at at Pete Sessions HQ (6306 Greenville Ave (at Caruth Haven), Dallas, TX 75206)

6:00am sharp - Scheduled to leave. Breakfast will be served on the bus Snack bags will be provided to keep you going through

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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 second Tuesday.



the day

9:30am - Arrive at the Capitol (approximately) proceed through security remember CHL holders have a FastTrak Lane through Security

9:45am-11:30am - We encourage you to visit both the Senate & House Chamber Galleries for our delegation recognition

11:30-1:30 - Alternative to the TFRW lunch provided in the Member's Lounge with special guests attending

1:30 - 2:30pm - Visit your legislator's office to meet their staff and tour your beautiful State Capitol

3:00 - 4:30 - Reception hosted by Representative Jason Villalba

4:30pm - Bus to depart from the Capitol. Box Dinners and refreshments will be served on the return ride home

8:30pm (approximately) - The bus returns to Pete Sessions HQ

RSVP today at Rondagop@gmail.com **AND**

To reserve your seat on the bus mail you check for \$35 payable to DCCRW to Mary McElvany, Treasurer, 7620 Kevin Dr., Dallas 75248 **or**

Pay with PayPal on the [DCCRW website](#).

Sponsorships are available!

Our North Texas Legislators are jumping on board quickly to underwrite the 84th Legislative Session's DCCRW & GCRW Bus to Austin for TFRW Day! Please make sure your legislator has taken advantage of this opportunity.

To see more about TFRW's plan for Legislative Day, see [below](#).



LHRW member **Jeanine Wehby** was recognized for her work to change Dallas Police Department policy by Steve Blow in a column in the Dallas Morning News, on February 11, 2015. Read the column [here](#). The Dallas Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) also has recognized her with its Community Support Award.

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."



News from Local Clubs

Jan Patterson Scholarship Fund

At the Executive Board meeting held Wednesday, February 11, 2015 it was unanimously approved that the Annual Scholarship awarded to Senior members of the Lake Highlands High School Young Republicans Club be renamed and designated as the Jan Patterson Memorial Scholarship.

It is indeed an honor to have had Jan Patterson as a founding member and past president of Lake Highlands Republican Women and her legacy will endure through the many lives that she touched.

If you wish to make a contribution, Make checks payable to Lake Highlands Republican Women (or LHRW). On memo line please designate Jan Patterson Scholarship. Mail to: LHRW, c/o Rebecca Pratt, Treasurer, 9848 Robin Hill Lane, Dallas, TX 75238

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- **Coppell RW** will meet **March 1** at 3:00pm at the Coppell Public Library. Don Jans, author of "My Grandchildren's America" will speak. See www.coppellrepublicanwomen.com for details.
 - **Irving RW** and **Coppell RW** host a **special meeting with NCPA CEO, the Hon. Alan West**. March 2 at 6:30pm at Gorman A Lecture Hall on the University of Dallas campus. To rsvp or for more information contact ebblake07@gmail.com or kbwhitehill@gmail.com
 - **Dallas Downtown RW** will meet **March 10** at 6:30 pm at GOP HQ. DCCRW President Vicki Goode will speak. See www.ddrwc.org for more details.
 - **Park Cities RW** will meet on **March 17** at 6:30 pm at the Biblical Arts Center. Joseph Wade Miller will speak on "The Legislative Scorecard: Issues Affecting Texas and How our Members of Congress are Voting." See <http://parkcitiesrepublicanwomen.org/> for more details.

- **Lake Highlands RW** will meet on **March 18** For more information see <http://lakehighlandsrw.org/>
- **Northwood RW** will meet on **March 23** at Fretz Park Rec Center. Firearms trainer, Greg Haggart will speak on "How and Why the 2nd Amendment is important to our liberty." See www.northwoodrepublicanwomen.com for more details.
- **Preston West RW** will meet **March 25** at 9:30am at Farmers Branch Rec. Center. Author Ron Brackin will speak on "Islam, ISIS, and Israel." See <http://prestonwestrepublicanwomen.com> for more details.

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

First Republican Women's Trivia Night

#Know-It-Alls were declared winners in sudden death match!



Local Yokels took Second Place!



Mark your calendars for next year! February 18, 2016!



From the Dallas County Republican Party

Check back on the Dallas GOP [website](#) for pictures and details of the Regan Dinner in January, 2015.



News from Republican Party of Texas

Read the latest at www.texasgop.org

Our current Republican Party of Texas State Chairman, Steve Munisteri, who was elected in 2010 and subsequently re-elected in 2012 and 2014, has announced that he will be stepping down sometime in the next few months. Under the bylaws of the State Republican Party, it is up to the members of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) to elect a new State Chairman, who will serve the remainder of the current term until the next State Convention in May of 2016 in Dallas.

Four candidates have announced their intention to seek this office. They are as follows, in alphabetical order:

- Robin Armstrong, Republican National Committeeman for the State of Texas
- Wade Emmert, Chairman of the Dallas County Republican Party
- Tom Mechler, Treasurer of the Republican Party of Texas
- Jared Woodfill, Former Chairman of the Harris County (Houston) Republican Party



News from TFRW

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](#)

Wow! During the last election cycle TFRW gave \$100,000 to candidates.

Republican Women's Clubs across Texas gave over \$506,000 to candidates.

The Region III Leadership Training Workshop on February 7 was a great success.



Many DCCRW members were presenters. From the left is Glynis Chester, Angie King, Debra Coffey, Pam Meyercord, the Honorable Marilea Lewis, Kit Whitehill, Susan Fountain, and Lane Sullivan.

Legislative Day - 2015!



Thursday, April 16, 2015, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Registration 7:30am

AT&T Conference Center

1900 University Avenue, Austin, TX

For tickets- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legislative-day-2015-tickets-14706861619>

Hotel Reservations can be made at this link

See www.tfrw.org for all the details!

Registration Includes:

- Opportunities to meet and connect with new TFRW leadership
- Continental Breakfast

- Buses to/from Capitol
 - Committee Hearings, Resolutions in the House and Senate
 - Luncheon with guest speaker Katie Kieffer, Author of "Let Me Be Clear: Barak Obama's War on Millennials and One Women's Case for Hope"
 - Afternoon Workshop: Women Overcoming Obstacles to Running for Elected Office; Policies that Make Texas the # 1 place to Live & Work; and Texas Border Security Today
- Note:* Registration Forms will be processed on a first received basis. If a club wishes to sit together please register all together at once.

Have questions about Legislative Day 2015? Contact Texas Federation of Republican Women



Don't miss the Belles and Boots Ball!

An Evening Under the Stars

TFRW's biannual Belles & Boots Ball will be held in Austin on Wednesday, April 15 at the AT&T Conference Center! This wonderful event is always a special occasion!

Online registration is available [here](#) or you may download this [form](#) and mail it to the TFRW Office (address on the form).

Sponsorships are available! Please see the registration pages above for complete information.

The forms for the Tower Award are now on the TFRW website.
www.tfrw.org

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



News from NFRW

The NFRW Award Forms are now available at
www.nfrw.org/membersonly/resources/awards.htm

To find out more, see www.nfrw.org.

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