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Conservative Victory 2012

"I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress." -Ronald Reagan

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We meet every third Friday of the month at noon at Kelly Square. Please mark your calendars. We miss you when you are not there!

GCRW's eager to "Get Back to Work"

by Connie Huntington

As the summer begins to wane and we are all hoping to see the summer of 2011 end bringing us some cooler temperatures, it is back to work for Grayson County Republican Women. August began again our regular lunch meetings on the third Friday of each month at Kelly Square in Sherman.

At our August 19th meeting we were very excited to have Gail Lowe as our speaker. She is a member of the Texas State Board of Education and was appointed President of the Board by Gov. Perry, a position she held until May 2011. Gail has been through the recent textbook and curriculum reviews and discussed the rationale use by the board to make decisions, assuring us that their first priority in those decisions is what is best for the education of Texas children. She also discussed some of the false media emphasis on the Texas curriculum. She talked about the federal government's education plan with millions of dollars funneled to states that adopted their core curriculum. Out of 50 states only Texas and Alaska refused to accept the curriculum and money. Gail told us that the achievement of students using that curriculum dropped below what Texas found acceptable for our students. Even though Texas gave up millions of dollars by refusing the curriculum, we, in fact, saved money due to the ongoing unfunded federal mandates that went with the acceptance of the program. Unfunded mandates that go on year after year, once in you cannot opt out. We also learned that with the new state re-districting map, Gail will no longer represent Grayson County on the Board. It is a big loss for us as she has been a great advocate for the conservative agenda and she truly cares for our kids. We are so pleased that she made the trip to Sherman to speak with us and we will forever be indebted to her for her service.

September Meeting – Steve Munisteri

On September 16th, we are honored to have Steve Munisteri, President of the Republican Party of Texas speak at our meeting. We have arranged to use the larger room downstairs at Kelly Square but will need to have 30 people purchase lunch from the buffet (\$5.95 for main course, and two sides, drink extra). Please plan to come, bring a friend and eat. It will be a great opportunity to hear what the RPT is planning and how we can work to make 2012 a big Republican victory. See you there.



2012 GCRW Officer Elections

Per our bylaws, we hold elections in November of each year to elect Officers. We will have openings for 2012. If anyone has an interest in serving in this capacity or would like to nominate someone, please email Connie Huntington: chuntington@cableone.net

DICTIONARY PROJECT

Due to recent fundraising and donations we will be going to selected Grayson County schools in October in deliver dictionaries to 3rd graders. Each dictionary has a book plate inside showing it was donated by GCRW. We will announce the date, time, and schools shortly. This is once again an opportunity for you to be active and volunteer on a project that enhances public opinion of our club.

“Meet the Troops” Event

Twice a year (usually in May and November), GCRW members dress up in patriotic clothes, make signs, and drive to the DFW airport to meet our troops returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan. These men and women are touching down at DFW on their way home, some live in our area, many are changing planes for the flight to their homes. We pack goodie bags for them with items to welcome them, we also give them water and snacks. We will announce the date shortly. If you are interested in going to this rewarding and emotional event, please email Connie Huntington: chuntington@cableone.net.

September 2011 – 3rd Quarter Volunteer hours

Every quarter we report to TFRW the hours that our members work for the club, Republican events, public outreach, etc. By reporting these hours the club has the opportunity to win awards and even money. The volunteer hours reporting form can be printed off our website:

www.graysoncountyrepublicanwomen.org

Please do your share by reporting your hours to Barbara Woodroof either by phone or email.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 6, 2011	Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
September 16, 2011	Monthly Club Meeting Kelley Square Restaurant: 12:00 pm Speaker: Steve Munisteri, RPT Chair
October 4, 2011	Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
October 8, 2011	Fall Festival Event Grayson County Republican Party <i>Save the Date!</i>
October 21, 2011	Monthly Club Meeting Kelley Square Restaurant: 12:00 pm
November 1, 2011	Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
November 8, 2011	Election Day
November 18, 2011	Monthly Club Meeting Kelley Square Restaurant: 12:00 pm
December 6, 2011	Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
December 16, 2011	Club Christmas Party



GRAYSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

FALL ROUNDUP

The Fall Roundup will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Please save this date. You will be receiving information and an invitation to this event shortly. This was a very successful event last year and we are looking forward to kicking off the 2012 election season. Grayson County Republican Women will be assisting with this event and we will be looking for volunteers – we need your help.

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Every two years, TFRW holds their convention and this year it will be in Omni Hotel in Fort Worth, TX on November 18 – 20, 2011. We are allowed 5 delegates and 5 alternates this year. The early registration fee is \$165 if postmarked by September 15th. The registration fee is \$190 if postmarked by October 18th. The room rate for the Omni is \$159 per night (rooms may be shared). If you are interested in being either a delegate or an alternate, please email Connie Huntington: chuntington@cablone.net

THE SNEEZE – *just to make you smile!*

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They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said.

“GOD BLESS YOU”

And he walked off the stage. . .

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God’s blessing on their future with or without the court’s approval.

CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL *(see pictures on page 5)*

Well, we did it! On August 20th, we hosted a Campaign Management School at the Grayson County Courthouse. The school was presented by the Texas Foundation of Republican Women (TFRW). It was a great success. We originally set our goal at 25 people attending but on Saturday we had 40 people (candidates, campaign managers, campaign workers, and interested parties) attend. We had 12 from Grayson County with others from Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Montague and Wood counties. TFRW covered all aspects of a campaign from how to file to become a candidate to getting out the vote and what to do on Election Day. Many of the attendees spoke to us after the school and expressed their enthusiasm for what they learned and their appreciation for GCRW’s hosting of the event. We had sixty people in the assembly room at the courthouse, which meant we had a very full house. We would like to thank the TFRW presenters: Rebecca Bradford, Toni Anne Dashiell, Jeanette Sterner, Marian Stanko, Janice Warder, Besa Martina, Rachel Woods, and Amy Brown for all their work in preparing and presenting the school. I also want to thank the GCRW members who worked so hard planning and then working the day of the event: Andrea Reid, Karen Heise, Barbara Woodroof, Mary Burcham, Dee Keating, Lola Keith, Kathy Boyd, Robin McCoy, Sherri Jansen, and Kaaren Teuber.



TEXAS BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

November 8, 2011

Voters will be asked to approve or reject ten proposed changes to the Texas constitution. Legislators voted to put these propositions on the ballot during the legislative session that ended in May. Below is the text of the propositions and their numbers. It looks like we have some studying to do before Election Day.

- PROPOSITION 1: 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
- PROPOSITION 2: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.
- PROPOSITION 3: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students.
- PROPOSITION 4: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide the authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.
- PROPOSITION 5: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter local contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.
- PROPOSITION 6: The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.
- PROPOSITION 7: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.
- PROPOSITION 8: The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.
- PROPOSITION 9: The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.
- PROPOSITION 10: The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another officer.

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Campaign Management School 2011

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