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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!

President's Message

December 2011

By Connie Huntington

President Ronald Reagan once said, "As long as we remember our first principles and believe in ourselves, the future will always be ours."

As we end this year, many of us are determined to keep resolutions to make our 2012 better than 2011. Most resolutions have to do with habits or behaviors we would like to change. Have you thought about the good, positive parts of your life and resolve to keep the good habits and behaviors? I think that is what President Reagan was talking about. In our lives we need to remember the things that make us good, not only individually but as a community and as a country.

The last three years have tried the patience of all good people. Under the Obama presidency, this country has strayed so far from the principles we hold dear as U.S. citizens, that most of us are beginning to worry if we can ever undo the damage. And yet, we must! If Obama is re-elected, he will have *four more years* to put in place judges who will legislate from the bench, *four more years* to increase debt and bankrupt us, *four more years* to engineer a socialist/progressive political ideology, and *four more years* to fundamentally change us.

As Republican Women, we need to remember our first principles, and believe we can correct the course of this great nation. We have been called upon to meet the challenge in the past and we succeeded. And, we'll do it again! The other party will be merciless in their pursuit of the status quo, their work is not done. They fully intend to keep power by not only re-electing Obama but they will try hard to take as many seats in the House and Senate as needed to keep us from turning back their agenda. I encourage each of you to volunteer in 2012 wherever you see a need, to let Republican campaigns know that you are behind them and willing to participate with them. If you don't know where to volunteer, contact the Grayson County Republican Party and let them know you are willing to help – they can use you.

Resolve with me for 2012 to keep our first principles, believe in ourselves, and the future will always be ours. Remember politics makes it possible, women make it happen. President Reagan would be proud.



GCRW CHRISTMAS PARTY AND COMMUNITY CHARITY DRIVE

At our December 16, 2011 meeting, after the officer installation ceremony, we held our annual informal Christmas Party. This was an opportunity for our members to get to know each other better, enjoy the company of like minded Republican women, and to simply celebrate the meaning of Christmas.

Each year, in lieu a gift exchange, we choose one community charity and our members make donations to that group. This year, the Salvation Army was chosen for its dedication to our community and its commitment to use their funds within our community. With many of our neighbors within Grayson County struggling through the recession, we are pleased to help the Salvation Army with its mission.

We were honored to have Major Helene Wildish of the Salvation Army join us at our meeting, she spoke briefly about their goals and how our gifts would be used. She expressed their appreciation for our support.

4th QUARTER CAMPAIGN HOURS

Once again, it's time to turn in your volunteer campaign hours to Barbara Woodroof. Please complete the attached form – this is for hours you worked during the period of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. If you previously submitted hours, please turn in only those hours that were unreported.

What hours can you report? Any hours you spent working on a political campaign, working at one of the many street fairs and festivals within Grayson County, making the trip to DFW to meet and greet troops, working on the Grayson County Republican Party Fall Festival, distributing dictionaries to local schools, attending the TFRW convention, working on any GCRW project, or any work you have done for local charities like The Crisis Center, Toys for Tots, etc. You may also report hours you volunteer at local hospitals and nursing homes. If you have questions about what can be reported, please ask Barbara. You may reach her at woodybarb@juno.com.

The reporting form can also be found at our website: graysoncountyrepublicanwomen.org or gcrwonline.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ January 9, 2012 Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
- ✓ January 20, 2012 GCRW monthly meeting at Kelly Square: 12:00 pm
- ✓ January 31, 2012 Texoma Patriots sponsored Candidate debate
- ✓ February 7, 2012 Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
- ✓ February 17, 2012 GCRW monthly meeting at Kelly Square: 12:00 pm
- ✓ February 25, 2012 GCRP Lincoln Day Dinner
- ✓ February 28, 2012 Texoma Patriots sponsored Candidate debate

Welcome to the New Year – may ours be a winning year!

**GRAYSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, PAC
INSTALLATION OF 2012 OFFICERS**

On December 16, 2011, we held an installation ceremony for our new elected 2012 officers:

President: Karen Heise

Vice President: Robin McCoy

Secretary: Robin Phillips

PAC Treasurer: Andrea Reid

The oath of office was administered by Judge Carol Siebman as follows:



“You the newly elected offices of the Grayson County Republican Women, are about to enter upon your respective duties. In accepting these posts, you are assuming a leadership role among Republicans, and therefore, you are setting an example, one that requires the best energy and devotion of which you are capable.

In accepting this post, do you promise to exert every possible effort to conduct GCRW activities that will attract women in your community who believe in the Republican Party and its principles, and in electing Republican to all levels of government?

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, as well as the governing laws of the National Federation of Republican Women; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely and without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which you are about to enter; So help you God.”

All of our officers responded “I do.”

The members were then asked to take the following oath in support of the 2012 officers:

“Do you as members of the Grayson Country Republican Women, PAC promise to give your loyal support to the new officers, to attend the meetings whenever possible, to pay dues promptly, to serve when called upon and in all ways to support this organization and the Republican Party?”

All members present responded: “I do”

Please remember to encourage Karen, Robin, Robin, and Andrea as they begin their new duties.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

As I was writing some of the articles for our newsletter, many of your faces popped up in my mind. I have been very blessed to work with you and serve GCRW as president this year. It is an honor I will keep in my favorite memories for the rest of my life.

I have been most fortunate to get to know you better and to work alongside you this year. You are a great group of women – and I have learned so much from each of you. I was always greeted with a smile, a hug and encouragement. When we put out a call that help was needed; you were there. We relied on the talents some of you naturally possess and we asked some of you to invent new talents and you did. We always got the job done. I thank you for participating, for being there, for your support, and most of all for your friendship. For me, 2011 was a great year.

I want to add a note of gratitude and appreciation to the Executive Board, who put in many hours and always had the best interests of GCRW in their hearts. Thank you: Vice President Karen Heise, Secretary Mary Burcham, Treasurer Andrea Reid, and Past President Barbara Woodroof. I would also like to thank Laura Cooper for the great job she does publishing our newsletter and managing our website, Adelle Christman for getting the “word out” with our press releases – we may not always get in the local paper but she always tried, and Margo Garner for all the work organizing our Meet the Troop events which gave us an opportunity to support our troops and feel the glow of patriotism in our hearts. You are each very special to me and I can’t thank you enough for all your support. Connie Huntington

To save printing and postage costs, if you have an email address, please provide it to us so that we may email you a copy of the GCRW Newsletter each month. Send the information to Laura Cooper: Lkeycooper@yahoo.com

We are Republican Women, but what is more important is that **WE ARE AMERICANS.**

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Year 2011

Volunteer Hours Reporting Form

Quarter 4th

Name _____

Member Associate

Total Hours for Quarter _____

Oct	Nov	Dec	Section 1	Indicate your hours	worked in the following activities
			Precinct Chair		
			State or County Party Official		Position:
			Local, State or Nat'l Campaign Mgmt. School Attendance		School Attended:
					Did you give check to a political entity?
			Poll Watcher*		Yes No
			Election Judge*		Yes No
			Alternate Judge*		Yes No
			Election Clerk*		Yes No
			Election Official		Position:
			Precinct Convention Participate		
			County Convention Delegate		
			State Convention Delegate		
			National Convention Delegate		

*Indicates usually paid positions – does not count as volunteer unless check is given to the County Party, Republican Club, a Candidate, or the TFRW PAC. Please report hours.

Oct	Nov	Dec	Section 2	Campaign Work Hours
			Work at home, mailings, phoning, posters, clerical, cooking, etc...	
			Work at or for a special event (but not as a guest)	
			Attendance at (travel to) Fed. Bd. Mtg./Conventions (committee work)	
			Political work while at Federation meetings	
			Travel time between events, except stopping	
			Volunteering at any county, state, or Federation HQ	
			Volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office (school board)	
			Presenting political programs or speeches at local civic clubs	
			Running for office – all time spent campaigning	
			Campaign sign preparation, distribution and removal	
			Volunteering for a Republican candidate in any capacity	
			Voter Registrar	
			GOTV "Get Out The Vote" participant	
			Other work, describe briefly:	

Oct	Nov	Dec	Section 3	"Caring for American" Hours
			Books for schools, libraries	
			Nursing home gifts, work, etc...	
			Women or children's issues	
			Military Support Projects	
			Other work, describe briefly:	

Please print this form, enter your hours and bring it to the meeting; OR email it to Barbara Woodroof: woodybarb@juno.com or mail to her at: 1308 Muncy Rd., Gunter, TX 75058