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"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

Congress to hold hearings on Threat from Islamic Radicalization

Have you been watching the news lately and heard about the "hundreds of protesters" who gathered in Times Square on Sunday, March 6, 2011? It may have seemed like just another day in the Big Apple but this protest was against Congressman Peter King R-NY (Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee) who will be holding Congressional hearings that delve into the threat to homeland security posed by Islamic radicalization.

When he heard about the protests and the accusations that he was unfairly targeting Muslims, Congressman King said, "I'm not going to give into political correctness. I'm going ahead." Finally, someone who is not afraid of "PC" - isn't it refreshing to hear one of our politicians say what most of us have been thinking and saying.

Contrast that with Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough's speech on the same Sunday at a Virginia mosque. He reassured those in attendance that the US does not believe that violent extremism is unique to any group and that we do not judge on "guilt by association." He went on to say that it is everyone's responsibility to oppose extremism.

The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) is organizing the opposition to these hearings. Their spokesman, Ibrahim Hooper, called the hearings a witch hunt and said the opposition was backed by hundreds of interfaith and community groups, and civil liberties organizations.

Isn't it time we gave support to those in Congress who will not be deterred from their oath of office to protect and defend the constitution or the citizens of our great nation. It would be appropriate for Grayson County Republican Women to write a note of support and mail it to Congressman King's office or email him a note supporting his stance on these hearings. We also want to encourage him to not allow protests and threats to deter the committee from a thorough investigation of the role Muslim clerics in the U.S. and abroad have played in recent homeland tragedies like Fort Hood and the foiled plots of terrorists recently arrested on our own soil.

To reach Congressman King:

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March Meeting

Please join us for our meeting to be held on March 18th, 2011 at Kelly Square Restaurant. The meeting will begin at 12:00 pm. We are aware that many of our members participate during their lunch hour and we try to end by 1:00 pm. We encourage you to join us for lunch by going through Kelly Square’s buffet line and eating during the meeting.

Our topic for this month’s meeting will be the “Fair Tax”. Most of you have heard of the concept of a fair tax but may not be aware of how it would work and if it has the potential to solve some of our tax code and IRS issues. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Gene Cushion of Van Alstyne will be our speaker and he will answer the question of “What is a Fair Tax and how does it work?” Just because the Democrats yielded last December and extended the Bush Era Tax Rates for two years does not mean that we are through with this issue. Remember 2012 will be a watershed election for this country and we all need to be informed of the issues that will be discussed during that election cycle.

Please come and be a part of this discussion – your input is important to us all.

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During the December meeting, Judge Fallon performed the “swearing in” of GCRW 2011 officers. Shown in the picture to the left are (from left to right):

Karen Heise, vice-president;
 Mary Burcham, secretary;
 Connie Huntington, president;
 and Andrea Reid, treasurer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

✓ **April 21, 2011** Regular monthly meeting at Kelly's Restaurant at 12:00 noon.

LEGITATIVELY SPEAKING

Grayson County Republican Women are Red in Austin

On March 2 and 3rd, eleven of our members journeyed to Austin to participate in our annual Legislative Day. Most of us arrived in Austin on Wednesday afternoon (after carpooling for the 4 hour drive) and checked into the Wyndham Hotel. That evening, we ate at a local Mexican food restaurant called Curras, we were a noisy group crowded into corner tables - really not that noisy considering the restaurant was a noisy local gathering. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and getting to know each other.

After dinner we went back to the hotel and some of the group worked on arranging the gift basket for the silent auction to be held at the Convention Center during our luncheon on Thursday. We had assembled a number of treats from our county resources and with Andrea Reid's guidance, the basket turned out great.

The next morning we were up early and left for the convention center at 7:00 am, where we had a continental breakfast and registered for the day's activities. Then we hopped buses that took us to the State Capitol. Once there, we made our way through security and began to explore some of the building. About 9:15 am, we went to the congressional gallery to find seating for the morning's business. It was very exciting to see the gallery almost completely filled by women in red jackets. A number of resolutions were read honoring and welcoming all of the Republican Women and their clubs. The Honorable Larry Phillips, our State Congressman, came up to the gallery seating area to welcome us, and have his picture taken with our group. He then took us to Governor Perry's ceremonial office (just outside the governor's office) where Governor Perry greets visitors and signs legislation. Congressman Phillips spent quite a bit of time going over the various bills that were being worked on that week. He discussed the Voter ID bill, the Abortion Fetal Sonogram bill, and the Sanctuary City bill. He answered questions and gave us additional information about the process for approving these bills. He also discussed the projected budget shortfall and how spending cuts were being evaluated. Most of us urged him to review where the money is going and find ways to cut duplication of services and administrative expenses. He said we would have a balanced budget.

Next, we boarded buses back to the Convention Center for our luncheon. We were pleased that Larry Phillips was able to join us at our table. We had a full line up of speakers including Rebecca Bradford, TFRW President; the Honorable David Dewhurst, Lt. Governor; the Honorable Susan Combs, State Comptroller, the Honorable Todd Staples, Ag. Commissioner; the Honorable Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner; the Honorable Joe Straus, Texas Speaker of the House; the Honorable Florence Shapiro, Texas State Senator; and the Honorable Joan Huffman, Texas State Senator. Also speaking were a number of TFRW officers.

Awards were also handed out for club participation and campaign hours with first, second, and third place awarded to small, medium and large groups. Unfortunately, Grayson County Republican Women, P.A.C. did not receive an award for 2010 - but we are working to make our presence know at the next award ceremony.

Our gift basket was auctioned for \$90 - this money goes to support TFRW projects. So a special thank you to those who participated in gathering items and assembling the beautiful basket. After lunch, we had workshops dealing with legislative issues, and redistricting, etc. Then we made our way back to the parking lot (a long walk) and headed home. If you were unable to attend this year - we hope you will be able to next year. Everyone had a great time!!

CAMPAIGN HOURS

Do you volunteer at your church, the hospital, the school or anywhere else in the community? These hours count in our reports to TFRW and for the John Tower Award. Although we are not in the middle of a campaign cycle at the moment these are many of the things that you do that should be reported.

Please check your calendar for January, February and March to see if you attended any meetings or made contacts regarding up coming legislation. You will find the form attached to fill out for our quarterly report. Fill it out and either send to Barbara (1308 Muncy Rd., Gunter 75058), bring it to the next meeting or email it to Barbara at (woodybarb@juno.com).

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

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