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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!

## Republican Party of Texas Chairman meets GCRW

by Connie Huntington

On September 16, 2011, it was an honor to have Steve Munisteri, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) as the guest speaker at our monthly meeting. We had approximately 60 in attendance and all left the meeting with a better understanding of why our goal is to limit the presidency of Barack Obama to one term. Steve was able to highlight the many inadequacies of Obama's two and one-half years in office. Many say that President Obama came into office under very severe economic conditions, which he did. But, Steve pointed out the many times during the last 32 months that the economic policies of Obama's administration did not lead us out of joblessness and economic stagnation, they have pushed us into a deeper recession. Some say Obama "leads from behind", but he actually "pushes" us. The Democrats were in control of the Presidency and both houses of Congress for two years. In that time they pushed us into some of the worse legislation and regulations ever signed into law. The new healthcare legislation alone is a disaster for this country that must be repealed. We have only this upcoming election to right what has been wronged. Steve encouraged us to do exactly that – to work hard to make sure our Republican candidates are elected in 2012. Steve's enthusiasm was contagious and he had a great command of the facts and figures that prove Barack Obama should be denied a second term. All who attended left the meeting with a renewed commitment to our core values of smaller government, a balanced budget, and personal responsibility.

We want to thank Steve for working hard to re-organize the RPT and make it financially sound and effective. We are especially thankful that he took time in his very busy schedule to make the trip to Sherman to share with us the urgency of our 2012 goals and to answer questions we had.

The weekend, "Fall" has officially arrived and is a very busy time for GCRW. We have many opportunities for our members to be involved. I would like to encourage you to participate by working at the GOP booth at one of the many community festivals, by attending the Grayson County GOP Fall Round-Up on October 8<sup>th</sup>, by participating in our dictionary project and by going to DFW to "Meet the Troops" (date to be announced). I hope all of you are enjoying the cooler weather – doesn't it feel great to step out in the early morning and think, "Oh, it's cool!"

## October Meeting - State Representative Larry Phillips

Please plan to attend our October meeting. State Representative Larry Phillips will be our guest speaker and will be explaining the ten propositions that will be on the November 2011 ballot. (See proposition list attached) He will answer our questions and enable us to be educated on the issues when we enter the voting booth. Larry has been a good friend to GCRW and we are very appreciative of his willingness to attend our meetings and to keep us updated on what is happening in Austin. (see more information about Representative Phillips below)



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

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# C L U B O R N E R

## 2012 GCRW Officer Elections

Per our bylaws, we hold elections in November of each year to elect Officers. We will have openings for 2012. At the October meeting we will be voting to appoint a committee to seek, vet and put before the membership a list of candidates for election at our November 2011 meeting.

If anyone has an interest in serving on this committee, would like to nominate someone or would like to serve as an officer, please contact any of our current officers.

## 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. Five delegates and two alternates are already registered to attend this year. The registration fee is \$190 if postmarked by October 18<sup>th</sup>. The room rate for the Omni is \$159 per night (rooms may be shared). If you are interested in joining us, please email Connie Huntington: [chuntington@cablone.net](mailto:chuntington@cablone.net)

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## DICTIONARY PROJECT

Due to recent fundraising and donations we will be going to selected Grayson County schools in October in deliver dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 TROUPS

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@cablone.net](mailto:chuntington@cablone.net).

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## DECEMBER 2011- 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER VOLUNTEER HOURS

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Every quarter we report to TFRW the hours that our members and associates 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](http://www.graysoncountyrepublicanwomen.org)

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

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## GRAYSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN FALL ROUNDUP

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The Fall Roundup will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Please save this date. You received information and an invitation to this event last week. 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

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## PIX AND PANS – SEPTEMBER MEETING

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*Republican Women Do Make a  
Difference – You Matter!*

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](mailto:Lkeycooper@yahoo.com)

## **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. The explanation of each proposal is offered by the Secretary of State.*

**PROPOSITION 1:** (SJR 14) *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*

*Explanation: SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died and the property remained the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.*

**PROPOSITION 2:** (SJR 4) *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.*

*Explanation: SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.*

**PROPOSITION 3:** (SJR 50) *the constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students.*

*Explanation: SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.*

**PROPOSITION 4:** (HJR 63) *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.*

*Explanation: HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.*

**PROPOSITION 5:** (SJR 26) *the constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.*

*Explanation: SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.*

**PROPOSITION 6:** (HJR 109) *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.*

*Explanation: HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.*

**PROPOSITION 7:** *(SJR 28) 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.*

*Explanation: SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.*

**PROPOSITION 8:** *(SJR 16) 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.*

*Explanation: SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.*

**PROPOSITION 9:** *(SJR 9) the constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.*

*Explanation: SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Parole, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.*

**PROPOSITION 10:** *(SJR 37) 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.*

*Explanation: SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.*



**VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT - EXERCISE IT TO  
KEEP IT STRONG!**