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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!



We Are Thankful for November

By Connie Huntington

I hope you are all enjoying November as much as I am. It is one of my favorite months with one of my favorite holidays. In November, we are reminded to slow down and think of all the gifts we are given in life that we are thankful for. It is the month that gives us time to think, to be prayerful, and to remember. And for GCRW, it was a very good month.

On November 3rd and 8th, our members delivered Webster dictionaries to third grade students at Washington School in Sherman and Terrell School in Denison as part of the Dictionary Project. It is always a joyful event as the students are very excited to receive their own dictionary and write their names inside the front cover.

On November 12th, our members made the trip to DFW to meet and greet the troops returning home. We were thankful for prayers answered as each of the troops stepped off that plane and put their feet on US soil again. It is so hard to keep the tears from flowing as we handed them a goody bag filled with items to make their continued trip more comfortable. We would also like to thank Margo, Roy, and Matt Garner for their work in organizing the event and filling and transporting all the goody bags. We are all thankful for our GCRW families like the Garners.

On November 8th, we headed to the polls to answer a call from our State legislators to approve or disapprove proposed amendments to our Texas Constitution. This "right to vote" is not guaranteed in this world, it is only a "right" given to those who live in freedom. Even if we disagree about the issue we are voting on or the person running for office, we are all empowered by the very act of stepping into that voting booth. Who gives us this "right"? Our US and Texas Constitutions. Who guarantees our "rights"? Those men and women who serve in our military – those very troops we greeted at DFW. Can we ever thank them enough?

On November 18th, we held our monthly meeting. Per our bylaws, we chose a nominating committee in October and they began the process to elect our 2012 GCRW officers. At our meeting, the committee recommended: Karen Heise as President, Robin McCoy as Vice President, Robin Phillips as Secretary, and Andrea Reid as PAC Treasurer. We asked for additional nominees from the floor and as there were none, we voted unanimously to elect our new officers. We are so thankful that these women are willing to give of their time and energy to take leadership roles in GCRW.

On November 18th through 20th, we sent 5 delegates and 2 alternates along with 3 guests to the TFRW Convention in Fort Worth. It was an amazing weekend and we all came back enthused and thankful for Republican Women in Texas! We as members of GCRW are all part of a much bigger organization and as such play a very important role in the preservation of our goals and ideals in Texas and across this nation.

On November 24th, we gathered at our dinner tables to enjoy the bounty of this nation and to be thankful for all we have in our lives: Our God and Heavenly Father who blesses us each day, Our Families and Friends, and Our Country and the freedoms we must protect. And, as I think of all I have to be thankful for, I include each of you. You are a wonderful group of women and are such good models for our younger women and girls.

Keep up the good work – we have much to do in 2012!

2012 GCRW Officer Installation

On December 16, 2011, we will have a swearing in ceremony for our newly elected officers. This ceremony will be the highlight of our December meeting. Our newly elected officers are:



President:	Karen Heise
Vice President:	Robin McCoy
Secretary:	Robin Phillips
Treasurer:	Andrea Reid



Please plan to join us and show your support for these members who have agreed to step up and provide leadership for our club!

GCRW Christmas Party

We will hold an informal Christmas party at our upcoming December 16th meeting. This event will allow us to get to know each other better and enjoy the holiday spirit. As in the past, in lieu of gifts to each other, we will make donations to a local charity. This year we have chosen the Salvation Army because they are meeting the needs of many in our community who are struggling this year and find themselves unemployed. Your donation may be in cash, by check (made out to the Salvation Army), or with a gift card. We hope to see you there!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On December 10th at 11:00 am, the Annual Grayson County Ceremony for Wreaths Across America will take place at Cedarlawn Cemetery in Sherman. Wreaths Across America is a program that lays Christmas wreaths on the graves of veterans as a tribute for their service. For more information, see their website at: www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

FOURTH QUARTER 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 keeping track and reporting your hours in December to Barbara Woodroof either by phone or email.

LOCAL CANDIDATE DEBATES

Texoma Patriots has scheduled the following dates and debates. Please mark your calendars:

- January 31, 2012 Between candidates for Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, County Commissioner
- February 28, 2012 Between candidates for Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, County Commissioner



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 6, 2011	Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am
December 10, 2011	Wreaths Across America: Cedarlawn Cemetery, 11:00 am
December 16, 2011	Club Christmas Party during regular monthly meeting, 12:00 pm at Kelly Square
December 31, 2011	4th Quarter Volunteer hours due
January 3, 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

CONVENTION REPORT

TFRW holds its biennial convention during the off-election years and we were pleased to participate this year in Fort Worth. The convention started Thursday, November 17th and continued through Sunday, November 20th.

GCRW sent five delegates and two alternates plus we had three guests attend with us. Those attending were: Connie Huntington, Karen Heise, Andrea Reid, Barbara Woodroof, Sherri Jansen, Esther Brummit, and Lola Keith. We were well represented.

Our group did not arrive until Friday afternoon as GCRW's monthly meeting was held at noon that day. We arrived in time to take a bus to the Ashton Depot for the Opening Night Gala. We were welcomed by Rebecca Bradford, TFRW President and our keynote speaker was Donald Rumsfeld. As most of you know, Secretary Rumsfeld was in Washington on September 1, 2001. He spoke of that day and what was done to secure our country, and he talked of President Bush's determination to keep this country safe. He then outlined the reasons he has great concern for the Obama administration's attitude about terrorism and the subservient role Obama would have the U.S. play in the world. After dinner, we were hosted by State Senator Estes and Pat Peale for a hospitality suite gathering.

On Saturday morning we attended the general session and heard from many of our State candidates including: Honorable Susan Combs, U.S. Representative Kay Granger, Honorable Elizabeth Ames Jones, Honorable Jerry Patterson, Honorable Don Willett, Candidate for U.S. Senate Tom Cruz, Honorable Greg Abbott, County Commissioner Gregory Parker, Honorable David Dewhurst, and Candidate for U.S. Senate Tom Leppert. Saturday's luncheon was an Awards Picnic. Our master of ceremonies was the one and only Mark Davis of the famous WBAP radio show. He kept us all entertained with stories and even a little ranting. GCRW was recognized for our Bronze NFRW Club Achievement Award. Congratulations to all our hard working members!!

Saturday evening we attended the "Ten Outstanding" Award Banquet where ten TFRW members were honored for their contribution to not only TFRW and their local clubs but to the Republican Party and our candidates. After the banquet, we went to Rebecca Bradford's suite for another hosted gathering.

On Sunday morning, we rose early to attend the Memorial Breakfast, where we honored each member of TFRW who had passed on during the previous two years. GCRW honored Susan Avery who loyally served as Secretary in 2008 – 2009. We then met in our District 30 Caucus and re-elected Pat Peale as District Director. The morning ended with the closing session and the installation luncheon for the new TFRW officers.

If you see some of us wearing new red shirts and sparkly hats, you will have to ask about the shopping we did as the vendors were closing down their booths on Sunday. Found out these vendors would rather mark everything down than ship merchandise home or lug it to their cars.

We had so much fun and hope you are able to join us in 2013!

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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