

McLENNAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MCRWC 2007 OFFICERS

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CLUB & PAC TREASURER - Nancy Swor**

MCRWC 2007 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**BY-LAWS - Linda Hatchel
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HISTORIAN - Carolyn Payne Lomax – phone H-772-0460; e-mail lomaxgop@yahoo.com
HOSPITALITY (Lunch Reservations) – Anita Allen
MEMBERSHIP - Rachel Woods
NEWSLETTER - Carolyn Payne Lomax
PROGRAM - Bobbie Bills
RESEARCH & LEGISLATION - Peggy Mallick
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Barbara Kasmiroski**

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

**Our next meeting will be lunch on TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2007 @ 11:30 A.M. @
RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB.**

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN NOON, FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2007.

**Anita Allen is our Hospitality Chair and all reservations will be made thru her. Anita
prefers the reservations via e-mail to anitagallen@aol.com.**

Should you not have a computer, please call 772-8763, before Friday morning.

**Please pay for your lunch with a check. Ridgewood will NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH for
your meal.**

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**Our program will be given by Josh Tetens, acting director for MCCAP (McLennan
County Collaborative Abstinence Program).**

**Josh has been living in Waco, since he came to attend Baylor University and Baylor Law
School. Josh has been active in Republican political campaigns and Party activities.
Many of us met Josh and later Kelly when he worked in a Texas Senate race and a
Congressional candidate's campaign. Later Josh introduced us to Kelly, who would
become his bride on 3 July 2003 and will be the mother of his son, due in early July.
Josh speaks and writes frequently on his conservative beliefs. Currently he is Chair of
the Young Republican Club of McLennan County and is serving as acting Director of
MCCAP. Kelly and Josh attend Highland Baptist Church. Kelly is employed to CareNet
Pregnancy Center and Josh is practicing Real Estate Law with the Groce Law Firm, in
China Spring.**

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

January 23, 2007

40 members in attendance

Ridgewood County Club

Welcome

Invocation and pledges - Robyn Howard

Call to order 11:45am - Charissa Sloan

Recognition of Elected Officials

Judge Tom Gray, 10th Court of Appeals

The Honorable M.A. Taylor, McLennan County Republican County Chair

Cynthia Lewis on behalf of County Judge Jim Lewis

Sandie Anderson on behalf of Representative 'Doc' Anderson

Oneta Leutwyler, SREC

Special thanks to prior Executive Board Members, Barbara Kasmiroski, Linda Hatchel, Barbara Leutwyler

Tribute and gift to Immediate Past President, Barbara Kasmiroski

Introduction of new Executive Officers and Executive Board, Charissa Sloan, Robyn Howard, Nancy Bradley, Nancy Swor, Tammy Hector, Rachel Woods, Carolyn Lomax, Bobby Bills (not present), Peggy Mallick, and Lynnann Kendrick.

Installation ceremony officiated by McLennan County Republican Chairman, The Honorable M.A. Taylor

Comments and job descriptions presented by new Board members

Update on Bobby Bills husband, Randy, from Carolyn Lomax

Linda Hatchel presented the report on Bylaws announcing changes that will be voted on in the February General Meeting

Nancy Swor presented the Treasurer's Report

Final announcements by Charissa Sloan

Adjournment 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bradley

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

12 February 2007

A) REPUBLICAN WOMEN BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

B) LOCATION & TIME: Uncle Dan's

C) Meeting began at 11:30 AM and adjourned at 1:00 PM

D) ATTENDING: The President & 11 board members in attendance:

President (and Chair) - Charissa Sloan

Vice-President - Robyn Howard

Secretary - Nancy Bradley

Treasurer & PAC Treasurer - Nancy Swor

Bylaws - Linda Hatchel

Campaign Activities - Tammy Hector

Membership - Rachel Woods

Newsletter - Carolyn Lomax

Programs - Bobbie Bills

Research & Legislative - Peggy Mallick
Immediate Past President/Advisor - Barbara Kasmiroski

E) AGENDA:

- 1) Charissa Sloan offered the Invocation
- 2) Charissa called the Meeting to Order at Noon
- 3) Individual Committee Reports:
 - Treasurer's Report - Nancy Swor reports that the club computer is working properly
 - Bylaws Report - Linda Hatchel reminded us about voting on the Bylaw changes at the club meeting on February 27, 2007
 - Program Report - Bobbie Bills opened discussion about speakers for February/March/April.
 - Campaign Activities Report - Tammy Hector opened discussion about events, etc.
 - Research & Legislative Report - Peggy Mallick, discussion about trip to the Capitol for Legislative Day, March 1, 2007. Motion was made by Nancy Bradley for Club President to send invitations to Senator Kip Averitt and Representative 'Doc' Anderson to attend luncheon. Linda Hatchel seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - Newsletter Report - Carolyn Lomax reported to committee when she needs information from them, so it can be included in the Newsletter for distribution.
 - Membership Report - Rachel Woods reported status of membership. We have 62 registered Members and 25 Associate Members. She suggested background music at the club meetings. Motion was made by Nancy Bradley on using a CD for sound, Carolyn Lomax seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - Hospitality Report - Anita Allen reported on sending e-mail notices about the monthly meeting. Carolyn Lomax brought a motion to continue sending e-mails to everyone on the membership list unless they don't want the email. Rachel Woods made an amendment to include a drop-out message on the e-mail for members to use. Barbara Kasmiroski seconded the amended motion. **Amended MOTION CARRIED.**

* Unfinished duties with a due date.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Bradley 2/12/07

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES FOR MCRWC
To be voted on, at the February 2007 meeting

The Board has proposed the following By-Laws changes. Changes are underlined. Rationale follows each proposed change.

In order for the By-Laws to be changed, all members must receive the proposed changes in writing at least 30 days prior to the vote (which was done in your January Newsletter).

The vote on By-Laws changes, therefore, will take place at our February general

meeting.

ARTICLE III POLICY

Section 1: Candidate Endorsement:

This organization, its President, and its Campaign Activities Chairman shall not endorse or work for any candidate for public office in contested Republican Primaries, Runoff Elections, and ~~[delete 'and']~~ Special Elections [Add: and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race].

Rationale: The new wording and capitalization will conform to the TFRW By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Any woman or man believing in the philosophy of the Republican Party and in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership. [Add: She/He shall be a registered voter.]

Rationale: The new wording and capitalization will conform to the TFRW By-Laws.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 5. Term of Office:

The term of office for officers and chairmen shall be for two years beginning January 1 of the year in which they are elected or appointed and ending December 31 of the following year. [Delete the following: two years beginning January 1 of the year in which they are elected or appointed and ending December 31 of the following year]. [Add: one year.] No officer or chairman may serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms with the exception of the PAC Treasurer.

Rationale: This change would move terms for officers and chairmen from the current two years to one year. The current two year commitment is a burden on some who would be more able to serve for one year. Thus, the pool of officer candidates would be enlarged.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 3. Installation:

Officers shall be installed at the January meeting [Delete January meeting. Add: last meeting of the calendar year.]

Rationale: Article V, Section 5 and Article VIII, Section 3 are conflicting. Article V, Section 5 states that terms of office will begin "January 1 of the year in which they are elected or appointed and ending December 31 of the following year." Article VIII, Section 3, however, states the "Officers shall be installed at the January meeting." Confusion has occurred as to when, exactly, the new officers will begin their duties. This proposed change would clear up that confusion.

MCRWC NEWS

NEW FEATURE FOR NEWSLETTER

We will be featuring members of MCRWC each month. Please send your bio information to the newsletter chairperson – via e-mail to lomagop@yahoo.com or by postal mail to 701 Arlington Drive Woodway TX 76712-3201.

Do you know how many professional musicians we have in our club and who they are? Do you know our member who gives “dress up” parties for young ladies? Do you know the member who is the eldest of seven children, played high school basketball & lived in Mexico? Do you know the member who finally replaced her well known “Republican vehicle” with a spicy red convertible? Do you know who has been a member of MCRWC, the longest? Do you know who ran the office for the Lubbock County Republican Party, before moving to Waco? Which one of our members is a personal friend of Lynn and Dick Cheney? Which member went to buy a TV and ended up with the TV and a job? Which member travels in a group known as the “Fearless Foursome”? Which member was an elected officer of TFRW for many years? Which members were interns for Virginia and MA Taylor @ MCRP? If you don't know these answers, then you can see we need to spotlight our members and learn more about one another.

Send us your name, number of years as member of a Republican Women's Club or group. What clubs and where you have been a member. Did you hold an elected position in those clubs or were you a chair of a committee. Where you have or are currently working. What campaigns have you been a volunteer. Your interest outside of politics, family info (#children and #grands if you are a grandmother), husband, any city, county, state or national awards you have been given. Do you have family members who are elected officials, whether in Waco or other cities or States? Your birthday, but not the year. Your anniversary, if married and any other info you would like to share about yourself.

DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please do so, at the February luncheon. New members can pay dues upon joining. If you know of someone who would like to join the McLennan County Republican Women's Club, please bring them, as a guest to our luncheon or have them send dues to Nancy Swor, 3512 Greenleaf, Waco, 76710.

Associate member dues – we encourage you to give an associate membership in our club to your spouse, employees and family members. WHY? All of the dues for associate members stay in our local club treasury. Nothing has to be sent to NFRW or to TFRW, as we have to do with member's dues.

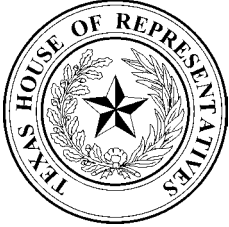
Make all checks payable to McLennan County Republican Women's Club or MCRWC.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Your volunteer hours run from 1 July 2005 thru 30 June 2007. If you are NOT paid by an elected official or a campaign, you MAY count the hours you work. There are State awards attached to these hours for the club and for the individual with the most hours. These awards will be given at the November TFRW State Convention.

NEWS RELEASES FROM DOC ANDERSON'S OFFICE

FROM THE OFFICE OF



Representative Charles "Doc" Anderson
District 56 ♦ McLennan County

NEWS RELEASE

February 15, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EIGHT-MEMBER BUSINESS CONSORTIUM PARTNERS WITH TSTC WACO FOR \$223,986 JOB TRAINING GRANT

AUSTIN -- The office of Representative Charles "Doc" Anderson (R-Waco) has learned that workforce development centers in central Texas, including the Heart of Texas area, will benefit from a \$223,986 grant from the Skills Development Fund administered by the Texas Workforce Commission. TSTC Waco has partnered with an eight-member business consortium, the Manufacturing Software Training Project, to provide training.

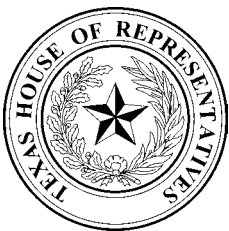
The grant will be used to create and upgrade more than 130 engineering, technical, and programmer positions. Upon completion of training, workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$36.15. The business consortium includes Design Edge Inc., Hi-Tech Products Inc., Reed Prototype and Model, Martin-Decker Totco, Symtx, Raytheon, Medical Carbon Research Institute, and Atlas Copco BHMT Inc.

"Providing business with a custom-trained workforce serves Texas workers and businesses well as they strive to maintain competitiveness," Rep. Anderson said. "I applaud the leadership of President Elton Stuckly of TSTC Waco, Martin-Decker Totco Engineering, Parametric Technology, WorkSource, and the Texas Workforce Commission for addressing the needs of employers and job seekers."

In Fiscal Year 2006, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded over 14,000 jobs in Texas, which paid an average hourly wage of \$19.22. The grants assisted 125 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature has appropriated \$40.5 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2006-2007 biennium.

For more information about the Skills Development Fund, visit the Texas Workforce Commission website at www.texasworkforce.org.

FROM THE OFFICE OF



Representative Charles "Doc" Anderson

District 56 ♦ McLennan County

NEWS RELEASE

February 15, 2007

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COAL MORATORIUM LEGISLATION ON THE MOVE

AUSTIN -- HCR 43 by Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson has been referred to the House Committee on Environmental Regulation, the first step toward passage. The resolution calls on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to impose a six month moratorium on the issuing of permits for pulverized coal plants--nine of which are within a 50 mile radius of McLennan County. Representative Anderson immediately asked for a public hearing on the resolution.

"This is a very critical issue for the health and economic vitality of Central Texans," Rep. Anderson said, "and public awareness of pollution issues is at an all-time high." Anderson continued, "The release last week of a University of Texas study which projects that the new pulverized coal plants could move Central Texas into 'non-attainment' status based on federal air quality standards validates what we have been saying all along. The independent study gives an even greater impetus to the need for a moratorium, so that the cumulative effect of these 18 new plants can be thoroughly evaluated. We don't want to rush into anything that could put the health of millions of Texans at risk."

The resolution has found bipartisan support, as both Republicans and Democrats have signed on as co-sponsors. "Clean air and good health are not partisan issues," Anderson said. This is not about moving left or right on this issue. It's about moving forward or backward technologically. I am pleased that the resolution is gaining momentum, and I look forward to input from concerned citizens at the public hearing."

The date for the public hearing has not been set, but the time and date will be announced as soon as it is available.

We will continue to have monthly info from Rep. Doc Anderson's office and Sen. Kip Averitt's office. These are new features of our newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD RETREAT

The executive board had a mini retreat at the home of MCRWC President Charissa Sloan, on Saturday 17 February 2007. We went around the table tell about ourselves and learning more about our fellow board members. We all learned a great deal about one another.

We talked about our jobs, our goals for our committees and plans for what the club. Some of committee duties were defined and some re-named. Our President will give a full report at the General Meeting.

It was a fun retreat and the food was delicious and we thank Charissa for doing this for our Board and our Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 21 – ASH WEDNESDAY – BEGINNING OF LENT

February 24, 1836 – Col. Travis wrote letter “I shall never surrender or retreat” (from the Alamo

February 27 – MCRWC General Club Meeting – Ridgewood Country Club 11:30 a.m.

March 1 – Legislative Day for Republican Women

**March 2 – TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY – Program at Ft. Fisher’s Knox Hall 4 p.m.
By Daughters of the Republic of Texas**

March 11 – Day Light Savings Time begins (this is a new starting date for DST)

March 12 – MCRWC Executive Board Meeting 11:30 @ Uncle Dan’s BBQ (this is an open meeting and can be attended by any member of MCRWC)

March 26 – MCRWC General Meeting – Ridgewood Country Club 11:30 a.m.

IN CLOSING

I do not know of a Republican in McLennan County who was pleased with the election outcome on 7 November 2006. Many Republicans chose NOT to cast their votes, why I have never heard a GOOD reason. So until the next election, which is 22 months away, dedicated Republicans have to re-group, re-focus and re-direct ourselves back to our conservative Republican values. In the meantime, we will have many things which will cross our desks which will make us think. The following prayer, which I received from a friend I made in New Hampshire, made me stop and think. Now, I know the losses which occurred were God’s way of disturbing us, to bring us back to where we belong. The following is what she wrote:

"...We read this prayer at church this morning. It was written by 16th Century Explorer, Sir Frances Drake. Love it!

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves,
when our dreams have come true, because we dreamed too little,
when we arrived safely, because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess
we have lost our thirst, for the waters of life;
having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity
and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision
of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas
where storms will show your mastery;
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ.

AMEN