

McLENNAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER

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There was no newsletter in September, due to the Newsletter chair being ill.

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OUR NEXT MEETING

MCRW will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 22 October 2007 at Ridgewood Country Club. Our speaker will be discussing the Constitutional amendments for the Texas Constitution, which will be held in less than 30 days.

We will also hear a report from the Nominating Committee. They will present a slate of proposed officers for MCRW for 2008. We have two meetings remaining in 2007. Lunch will begin at 11:30 and the meeting will begin at noon and cost \$13.00. Make checks payable to Ridgewood Country Club, as RCC no longer accepts cash for meals. Contact Anita Allen, by Thursday the 18th, to make a reservation. Her number & e-mail is above.

Explanations of the amendments are in this newsletter. REMEMBER TO VOTE!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the MCRW Board will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday 12 November 2007 at Uncle Dan's BBQ on Lake Air Drive. This meeting is open to the membership.

AWARDS*

Awards Chairman Barbara Kasmiroski has asked for the following to be included in this newsletter:

"I want us to go for the 2008-2009 John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence. To get the rules you can go to the TFRW web at www.TFRW.com...if you cannot I will furnish you a copy...This requires all of us to participate. Many requirements are things we are doing we just need to formalize what we do.

Contact me at 662-2718 mrsrepu@aol.com or 143 Meadowbrook Dr. Waco 76706.

Let us start planning now." Barbara T. Kasmiroski

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GENERAL ELECTION 6 NOVEMBER 2007

Condensed and reported by Peggy Mallick, Legislative Chairwoman

- PROPOSITION 1** – Places Angelo State University under the umbrella of Texas Tech University.
- PROPOSITION 2** – Provides for the issuance of \$500 million bonds to finance Educational loans to students.
- PROPOSITION 3** – Limits property tax increases to 10%.
- PROPOSITION 4** – Authorizes \$1 billion in bonds for repair and maintenance of state-owned facilities.
- PROPOSTION 5** – Allows small cities to give tax abatement for land owners near and Area that has been designated for government sponsored revitalization, such as Main Street projects.
- PROPOSITON 6** – Exempts taxation on one vehicle owned by an individual used for business and personal activities.
- PROPOSITON 7** – Allows government entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the land owners at the price paid to acquire the property.
- PROPOSITION 8** – Allows homeowners access to the equity in their property in the event of a natural disaster.
- PROPOSITION 9** – Allows for a full exemption from property taxes for veterans totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities.
- PROPOSITOIN 10** – Does away with the office of Inspector of Hides and Animals.
- PROPOSITION 11** – Requires that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local and consent bills.
- PROPOSITION 12** – Limits to \$5 billion funding for highway improvements projects.
- PROPOSITION 13** – Authorizes the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case.
- PROPOSITION 14** – Permits a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement Age while in office to serve the remainder of their current term.
- PROPOSITION 15** – Allows \$3 billion in bonds for cancer research.
- PROPOSITION 16** – Provides bonds for financially distressed areas to improve their water systems.

EARLY VOTING – 22 October 2007 thru 2 November 2007 at the following locations:

McLennan County Election Administrations Office
Robinson City Hall
Lacy Lakeview Civic Center
Multipurpose Community Center
First Assembly of God Church

214 North 4th Street
111 W. Lyndale Avenue
501 East Craven Avenue
1020 Elm Street
6701 Bosque Blvd.

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YOU MAY CARRY THIS SHEET INTO THE VOTING BOOTH

CONGRATULATIONS and/or HAPPY BIRTHDAY+

BIRTHDAYS:

Elleen Frazier – 19 October

Rachel Woods – 10 November

+ If you have not filled in an Anniversary/Birthday slip, please e-mail me with your birthday month and day only (NO YEAR); your spouse's name and your anniversary with month, day and year.

MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

37 members in attendance

Ridgewood County Club

Welcome and Social

Invocation -Rachel Woods

Pledges - Nancy Bradley

Call to order - Rachel Woods

Time: Noon

Recognition of Elected Officials:

Judge Tom Gray, Tenth Court of Appeals

State Representative 'Doc' Anderson by Sandie Anderson

Judge Vicki Menard 414th Court

Judge Matt Johnson by Melissa Johnson

SREC Woman - Oneta Leutwyler

Program - Reducing State Budget "Uniform Bidding" presented by Mac McCall.

Treasurers Report - Charissa Sloan

Nominating Committee elected for the 2008 Executive Board:

Pam Skains

Linda Hatchel

Nancy Bradley

Peggy Mallick

Charissa Sloan

Nominated by Acclamation by Oneta Leutwyler, 2nd Motion by Margaret Smith. Motion Passed.

Adjourned by Charissa Sloan - 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bradley 10/8/07

MINUTES – BOARD MEETING 8 OCTOBER 2007

LOCATION & TIME: Uncle Dan's

Meeting began at Noon and adjourned at 1:00 PM) Invocation: Charissa Sloan

ATTENDING: The President & 6 board members in attendance:

President (and Chair) - Charissa Sloan

Vice-President - Absent

Secretary - Nancy Bradley

Treasurer & PAC Treasurer – Absent

By-Laws - Linda Hatchel

Programs - Bobbie Bills

Research & Legislative - Peggy Mallick

Hospitality -

Immediate Past President/Advisor - Barbara Kasmiroski

Newsletter - Carolyn Lomax

Research –

Committee Chair - Anita Allen

AGENDA:

Charissa called the Meeting to Order at Noon

Web page is almost ready

Individual Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - N/A

Program Report - Bobbie Bills
Research & Legislative Report - Peggy Mallick
Entertainment - Open Discussion about a February event.
Selection of the Nominating Committee. Charissa Sloan, Linda Hatchel, Nancy Bradley, Peggy Mallick and Pam Skains will meet on Thursday, Oct. 11th.
Charissa Sloan adjourned the meeting.
* Unfinished duties with a due date.
Respectfully submitted, Nancy Bradley 10/8/07

TFRW CONVENTION – EL PASO – NOVEMBER 8-11

Delegates have been selected to represent MCRW at the TFRW Convention to be held in El Paso, November 8-11.

The MCRW delegates will be as follows: Bobbie Bills, Grace Ann Crawford, Gina Parker Ford, Carolyn Payne Lomax, Helen Quiram, and Rachel Woods

PROJECTS

A discussion was held during the board meeting (see minutes above) about a fund raiser for our club in February to celebrate President's Day.

Please advise any member of the board if you would be willing to participate and help with this type of event. Funds will be needed for our club to help candidates who are running for office, next year and buy our bus benches.

Also discussed was our adopted unit's arrival back to Fort Hood after a 15 month deployment to Iraq. At this time, we are not sure of the projected date of arrival.

Linda Ethridge is our Community Service Chair. Contact Linda if you will be available to help with any project for this unit.

DUES/MEMBERSHIP*

Your dues for 2008 will be due in December 2007.

Please mail your check payable to MCRW, P. O. BOX 7291, and Waco, 76710 or mail to Treasurer Nancy Swor, 3512 Greenleaf, and Waco, TX 76710.

We are approaching the mark of having 100 members. Can we do this by the end of the year? Remember 2008 is the Presidential election and we need all the members and help for this HUGE election!

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - \$20.00 per year - To be paid each year in Dec.

If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please do so. New members CAN JOIN at any time during the year and dues are paid at that time.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$5.00 per year, per person – Pay anytime

We encourage you to give an associate membership to your spouse, friends, and 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.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

If you know of someone who would like to join the McLennan County Republican Women
Please bring her as a guest to our luncheon.

* NOTE - All Officers, Committee Chairs and members of TFRW board MUST have their dues paid on time, in accordance to the by-laws of TFRW & NFRW.

NO CORPORATE CHECKS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR DUES

TFRW DISTRICT DIRECTOR CAMPAIGN

In mid September, Carolyn Payne Lomax had to withdraw from campaigning for this office, due to health problems.