

McLENNAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER

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The above officers will be installed during the 27 November 2007 meeting. After the installation, President Woods will announce her Committee Chairs and her goals for the coming the year.

Please stand behind and help this slate of officers, during the upcoming Presidential Election Year. This will not be an easy Election Cycle. Each and every member of MCRW will be needed to help get out the message of our club and candidates.

We wish to deeply thank President Charissa Sloan and her Board for the great job they did in 2007. We saw our membership grow. Our programs were top notch with great speakers bringing information to our club members.

DUES/MEMBERSHIP*

Your dues for 2008 will be due 1 December 2007

**PLEASE CONSIDER AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUR
SPOUSE and/or FAMILY MEMBERS.**

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

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

New members CAN JOIN at any time during the year and their 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.

NFRW DUES - During the Fall 2007 Bi-Annual Convention, dues were raised \$3.00 for each

Republican Woman PAC Member. **

NO CORPORATE CHECKS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR DUES

** There has been discussion among some of our club members to increase our yearly dues, per person. THIS REQUIRES A BY LAW CHANGE.

The discussion has been to raise our yearly dues to \$25.00, to cover the increase in NFRW dues and leave us a bit more in our treasury.

We have not been notified if TFRW will be increasing dues, for our state organization.

To change the By Laws requires a recommendation from the MCRW Board, presented to the General membership. It then must be published (in the newsletter) at least 30 days prior to a vote being taken by the General membership.

The vote to raise our dues could NOT be taken before our January meeting. Discussion will most probably be done at our 27 November meeting, on this subject.

TFRW BY LAW CHANGES CONCERNING DUES

In our last Texas Star it was printed that there would be some By Law changes for TFRW. These were voted on during the convention in early November, in El Paso.

One change directly related to dues and “good standing” for anyone desiring to hold a TFRW office.

The By Law change stated the members name and dues MUST have been received in the Austin office of TFRW, before a member is in “good standing”. Just paying club dues, is NO LONGER acceptable to hold any type of TFRW office.

PROJECTS - PARADES

MCRW were well represented in the Veterans Day Parade. If you will go to www.wacotrib.com and click on the each of the two sets of photos of the parade, you will see how many of our women worked on the float and rode the float in the parade.

Nancy and Jim Swor get the accolades for the excellent job of putting together the float. Jim Swor drove his truck, borrowed a trailer, then he and Nancy planned and got everything that was needed for this parade. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Also, a huge THANK YOU goes to our associate member Jimmie Kerr. Jimmie donated a check to cover expenses incurred for the parade. Kindness like this is GREATLY appreciated.

There are several other parades planned in other areas of McLennan County, before the end of the year. I feel our group will make these events. If you would like to decorate, ride, walk or just throw candy during the parade, let Nancy Swor know.

Help Our Troops---and the Environment

This came from Barbara Kasmiroski. She found it in her AT&T bill and wanted to share it with each of you receiving the newsletter:

Brittany Bergquist and her brother, Robbie, started Cell Phones for Soldiers in 2004, when they were just 13 and 12 years old, by pooling \$21 from their piggy banks and their friends snack money to buy prepaid phone cards. Soon after, they hit upon the idea of turning used cell phones into money for phone cards by selling the old handsets to a recycling specialist.

The siblings have gone on to raise more than \$1 million and send more than 75,000 phone cards to our troops overseas. Now, donating your old phone is even easier: All 1,800-plus

AT&T-owned wireless stores area official Cell Phones for Soldiers drop-off sites. For more info, visit: cellphonesforsoldiers.com

UPDATES ON MEMBERS

Our deepest sympathy goes to Peggy Mallick and son Mike. Peggy's husband and Mike's father Bill Mallick died 27 October, after a lengthy illness. Memorials can be sent to RESEARCH CURE @PST %Society of Progressive Supra Nuclear Paisley, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick Road Suite 906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031-9956 or to St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2000 Clay Avenue, Waco 76706.

Word was just received on former member & MCRW president Cathlene DeZell, who was diagnosed with ALS about 10 days ago. She is going home from Hillcrest Rehab unit on Wednesday. She can have short visits, but James requests that you go around to the back patio door to knock. "Cathlene will either be on the patio, in the kitchen or den and back door friends are best", said James. Well wishes and flowers may be sent to the following: Cathlene DeZell 1425 Alston Dr. Waco, TX 76705.

CONGRATULATIONS and/or HAPPY BIRTHDAY+

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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| 1 December | Charlotte Carpenter |
| 2 December | Oneta Leutwyler |
| 4 December | Ann Owen |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Oneta & J. B. Leutwyler who will be celebrating their 57th on 16 December 2007.

+If you have not filled out an Anniversary/Birthday slip, please e-mail me with your birthday month and day only (NO YEAR); your anniversary (month, day & year) and your spouse's name. Slips will be out on all of the tables at the November luncheon, which you can fill out.

MCRW TEE SHIRTS

Over the past few years, as events have come up, our club members have discussed using our "Ellie" (the elephant logo) on a tee shirt for our club. We had tee shirts, many years ago.

With parades and election activities during 2008, once again the idea of tee shirts for our club members to wear at an event has been discussed. This type of project has to have the approval of the entire General Membership of MCRW. Maybe this is something we need to discuss during our November meeting to be ready for all the activities in 2008.

FROM THE TEXAS STAR

In the last Texas Star, one club in Texas asked their members to make a pledge of volunteer hours.

Each member had to "adopt a candidate" and donate a minimum of 10 hours to that candidate's campaign.

This would be an excellent challenge for our MCRW to do for the upcoming elections. What an easy way to build volunteer hours for the club!

OUR NEXT MEETING

MCRW will hold their next meeting on 27 November at Ridgewood Country Club. We will install our new officers for 2008.

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 Wednesday the 21st, to make a reservation. Her number & e-mail are above.

NEXT MCRW BOARD MEETING TBA by our new President

TFRW AWARDS

Please go to www.tfrw.org and read about the state awards we will be eligible to apply for in 2009. This is a must for all committee chairs. Sadly, this information was not passed on to me, about the newsletter award and we missed out of applying for the award. Keeping up with the TFRW website is as important as keeping up with what is on the MCRW website.

"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.org...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.

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Let us start planning now."

MCRW WEBSITE

We feel our new website will be up and running, by our next meeting. It will have a new web address and look. New Club member Dawn Maitz and her husband are the web masters on this site and it will be updated on a monthly basis.

When the site is up and running, each person receiving this newsletter will be advised by a separate e-mail giving all the information.

MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING

McLennan County Republican Women General Meeting
October 23, 2007

42 members in attendance

Ridgewood County Club

Welcome and Social

Invocation - Oneta Leutwyler

Pledges - Charissa Sloan

Call to order - Charissa Sloan

Time: Noon

Recognition of Elected Officials:

Judge Felipe Reyna -Tenth Court of Appeals

Senator Kip Averrit's by De Smith

Representative 'Doc' Anderson by Sandie Anderson

Judge Vicki Menard - 414th Court

Justice of the Peace - Kristi DeCluitt

SREC Woman - Oneta Leutwyler

Spotlight - Dawn Maitz

Program - The 16 Constitutional Amendments presented by De Smith.

Nominating Committee 2008 Executive Board Recommendation presented and accepted by Acclamation:

President - Rachel Woods
Vice-President - Bobbie Bills
Secretary - Ann Owens
Treasurer & PAC - Nancy Swor

Treasurers Report - Nancy Swor

Announcements by Charissa Sloan

Adjournment by Charissa Sloan - 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bradley
10/26/07

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS

As we remember the first Thanksgiving and think of all those who have walked this land to give each of us what we have today, let us THANK God for their bravery. May we give THANKS for those who shed their blood on this land and on foreign soil to give us the FREEDOM we each have.

Our most gracious Heavenly Father, be with the leaders of this GREAT COUNTRY and STATE; give them the guidance and knowledge they need to lead us and grant us continued freedom. Thank you for the blessings bestowed on all who reside within the boundaries of this Nation. Amen

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