

# Tri County Republican Women

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December 2009

President – Sue Sorenson

1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President- Christine Donovan

2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President- Carole Williamson

Treasurer- Judy Perkins

Recording Secretary – Glenda Dougharty

Corresponding Secretary-Gayle Chapman

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### President's Message

This is the last message I will be able to leave for you. It has been a privilege to be President of the TCRW Club during 2009. I believe we have had a very successful year with the help of the Board and Committee Chairpersons. Without you, we could not have achieved anything. Our membership has increased; we had a great Silver Bells luncheon; and we have helped many charities and organizations. We surely have heard a number of great speakers which have given us much enthusiasm to work toward making our country a better place by becoming active and bold in expressing what we believe.

There were six from our Club who attended the 2009 TFRW Convention in Galveston on November 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Those attending were: Laura Morgan, Dot Raska, Melinda Keeney, Carole Williamson, Judy Perkins and myself. It was a very informative three days. We heard most of the candidates who will be on the ballot during the Primaries of 2010. I personally believe this might have made it more difficult to choose one candidate. The Convention was conducted by TFRW President Toni Anne Dashiell in such a splendid manner all the way through. This was my first convention but I would suggest that we start thinking about going to Fort Worth, Texas in 2011 for the next one.

During our November regular meeting, the Club elected the following 2010

Board Members to be installed at our December Christmas party. Elected Board Members are: Barbara Jacobson, President; Christine Donovan, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. (Programs); Carole Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. (Membership); Connie Williams, Recording Secretary; Gayle Chapman, Corresponding Secretary; Judy Perkins, Treasurer; and Andrea Williams, Pac Treasurer. This is a great list of Board Members. I know that they will be even more successful in 2010 by advancing all areas of our Club. However, they are only a part of TCRW. We now have approximately 68 members and each of us have a responsibility to make our club one of the best.

We will have a lot of work to do in 2010 to assure that Texas remains a Republican State. The Democrats would love to have Texas and I believe they are working hard to achieve that goal. We will be electing a new Governor, U. S. Senator, U.S. representative for District 22, Local State Representatives, and Judges. We heard Apostle Clever at the Convention remind us that there are a number of people who are conservatives but vote for a democrat. It is our responsibility to try and inform them of what conservatives believe. Maybe they really don't know. We can win in 2010!

This month's Quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt: The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government.

Merry Christmas and may God bless America.

### Meetings

**No regular or board meeting this month. We will have a Christmas Luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup> with installation of 2010 officers.**

**Look for your emailed invitation with directions.**

### Ways and Means

Barbara Jacobson, Chairman

Our Silver Bells Luncheon was a success. Again, I want to thank the ladies who worked on the committee. I reviewed the preparations we did for our Silver Bells Luncheon, getting things in order to pass on to the W & M chairman for 2010. As I was doing this, I was struck by things two of the committee members did. Jo Valenti took on the job of getting vendors for the event. She stayed in touch with them, got all information out to them and collected the fees due for a space. Gayle Chapman sold enough tickets to fill seven tables! She found the candy jars for the candy at an excellent price and made 65 pounds of fudge to fill them!! She provided the beads for the table centerpieces as well as the other decorations we needed. She opened her home on more than one occasion for a committee meeting. Of course, being Gayle, lunch was provided. Gayle, also, filled in when one of the ladies in charge of seating could not be present for a regular club meeting. She worked with Sylvia and me to come up with the menu for the event. The amazing thing was that Gayle made doing all of this look so easy. My hat is off to Gayle for all she did. This is not to minimize anything the other committee members did. All of you made my job as chairman easy, and for that you have my deep appreciation. Because of you, our event was a success!

It has been a joy to work with the members of this committee. I hope to see each of you at our Christmas party on December 8.

### VP Programs

Christine Donovan

### Membership

Carole Williamson

Early Merry Christmas wishes to all. We are well on our way to submitting

our 2010 membership roster to TFRW at the end of December as required. If you have not joined officially, please bring a check for \$25.00 to our Christmas luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Glenda Dougharty's home. If you have any questions as to whether or not you have paid your 2010 dues, please call me at 281-489-6308.

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Americanism

Selma Johnson

I sat on my covered patio on Sunday afternoon looking at the beautiful blue sky, the colored autumn leaves and an occasional Southwest airline jet ascending from Hobby Airport. Every so often, a jet stream would appear from a distant plane. What a beautiful sight! And you wonder about their destinations. Autumn is such a restful time of the year.

The Thanksgiving Season comes and we pause to be thankful for our food, our friends, our beautiful surroundings, and all that God gives us, including the marvel of human nature. Who else but God could give us such splendor?

Christmas season is nearing and we remember the greatest gift of all with the birth of Jesus. Let's all celebrate his birth as we share in the Christmas joy of 2009.

May God Bless America.

### Campaign

Susie Koza

[www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org)

[www.brazoriagop.org](http://www.brazoriagop.org)

[www.galvestoncountygop.com](http://www.galvestoncountygop.com)

[www.harriscountygop.com](http://www.harriscountygop.com)

### Caring for America

Dot Raska

December volunteers for **Hospice House** are Barbara Jacobson and Thelma Johnson. Please bring your snacks to the Christmas Party.

We collected over 1000 Christmas cards for the troops. Kathy Lynch & I helped pack boxes with your donated snacks and Christmas Cards for 6 hours. Thank You. Thank You

*Thank you so much for the care packages, it really made our Thanksgiving day special. we really appreciate all the thought and care that went into each box, especially the things we can not get over here on a regular basis, like the pickles and the ramen noodles. We will definitely have a brighter and more cheerful holiday due to your kindness.*

**Sincerely....SPC Ignacio Saldana and SPC Ciara Saldana**

### **Military Moms and Wives,**

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all of the great items that I received in the package, I got from you today. We really do appreciate your support. A little about one of the soldiers you support. I am CW2 Chris Stockwell, an OH-58D pilot assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. I am married and have 2 beautiful girls, Ellie (7) and Payten(5). I am on my 3rd deployment (1st to Afghanistan). Just know that people like you are what makes america great. Thank you again for your support....

**Thank you... Chris**



Me(on the left) and CW2 Jake Nail, 2 proud Texans!!!

At the Silver Bells Luncheon, in addition to the Christmas Cards, we also collected 125 Children's Books.

We gave 50 books to the Salvation Army and \$250 to The Harbor Lights, the choral group from the **Salvation Army**.

A \$400 donation was presented to Bunnie Phillips for the **Children's Advocacy of Brazoria County** along with 75 books.

**Please bring gift cards to the Christmas Luncheon. They will be donated to the Pearland Neighborhood Center and to the Children's Advocacy of Brazoria County.**

### Legislation

Lois Zinnecker

### **Texas State Senator**

**Mike Jackson**

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Pasadena, Texas 77504  
713-948-0111

### **Texas State Representative District 129,**

**John E. Davis**

1350 NASA Parkway, #212  
Houston, Texas 77058  
281-333-1350

### **Texas State Representative District 29,**

**Randy Weber**

2810 Westminister Street  
Pearland, Texas 77581  
281-798-2536

### **Texas State Representative District 24,**

**Larry Taylor**

174 Calder Rd Ste 116  
League City, TX 77573  
(281)338-0924

### **Texas U.S. Representative**

**Congressional District 22, Pete Olson**

10701 Corporate Dr., Ste. 118  
Stafford, Texas 77477  
281-240-3700

### The Grapevine

Madlyn Yantis

### Celebrate December Birthdays

Jesus

Dolores Koza

Sandra Price

Karen Stone

Connie O'Day

### Letter from the Editor

Melinda Keeney

Merry Christmas. It has been a great year for TCRW with many accomplishments. I've enjoyed reporting all the news so much that I will be doing it again next year!

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You work so hard and all I do is report on your accomplishments. So, I would like to make some changes to our newsletter so we can win some awards at the next convention. I have some ideas but I'm interested in your ideas.

**Let me get the creative juices flowing:**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO NAME OUR NEWSLETTER?

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