



# LONE STAR LEGACY

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## From the President...

### Welcome to the 2007 Bush Legacy Republican Women's Club

It is with great excitement we welcome a new year in the life of our young club. This year's outlook is grand with a renewed commitment from each and every board member to return to supporting the Republican platform and Republican ideals the party has strayed from in the last year.

The purpose of Bush Legacy Republican Women is to promote the principles of the Republican Party, to foster loyalty to the party and BLRWW, and to inform the public through political education and activity. Another vital role of our club is to work to elect Republican candidates to office.

We as Republicans and as a club must send a CLEAR message to not only our members but to our community, what our purpose is and keep it ever before us as a guide.

The question I will ask myself is "Is this true to our club's purpose?" Before I, as your President, ask your board to support an activity or event, I will ask, "Is this true to our club's purpose?" Does whatever we are about to do promote the Republican platform or inform the public on Republican issues or increase the cause of good Government?"

As President Ford said in this oath of office, "But I assume the Presidency under extraordinary circumstances."

I, Evon Markum, commit to you the body of members and associate members to execute the duties of the President of Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford to the best of my ability. I encourage you to bring your friends and join in informative luncheons and committees to grow our club and spread the "CLEAR" message of the Republican Party.

We have a dynamic, talented group of women on our board this year! We welcome your input and participation. I am always available to you. Please email me at [evonmarkum@yahoo.com](mailto:evonmarkum@yahoo.com) or call me 817.694.2476. Beginning in February, newsletters will be delivered by email. Members without email addresses will be mailed a newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Evon Markum



The late President Gerald Ford is sworn in by the Supreme Court Justice as his wife, Betty, looks on.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs  
Jenny Barnwell**

The January meeting for Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford will be held on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Tin Melon. This month's program speakers are Sheriff Larry Fowler and Chief Jerry Blaisdell. They will be speaking about the City-County Cooperation Award they were presented in 2006. The basis of the award was the joint venture Special Crimes Unit, formed in 2005. The Special Crimes Unit has been extremely successful in the stated mission of waging war on drug manufacturing, drug marketing and other major crimes in Parker County. The Parker County Sheriff's Department and Weatherford Police Department combined task forces, known as the Special Crimes Unit, have already made hundreds of arrests and have taken over \$1.7 million in drugs off the streets of Weatherford and Parker County.

Weatherford Police Chief Jerry Blaisdell has more than 35 years of experience in the field of law enforcement. During his career, he has held operational or command assignments in specialized enforcement functions to include narcotics, intelligence, SWAT and community based policing. The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education has certified Blaisdell at the Master level.

Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler is respected as the county's top lawman. The Sheriff has a range of duties that include criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, operation of the jail and other responsibilities.

Be sure to make your reservations by calling Donna Couch for our very special January meeting of Bush Legacy Republican Women.

**2nd Vice President, Membership  
Charl Roberson**

I am really excited about serving as Membership chairman this year. I think we are in for a GREAT year and we are all going to enjoy being part of it!!

My personal goal for this year is to sign up 100 members. That is certainly doable. We had around 67 members last year, so if each of us gets only HALF a member we can get to that magic mark. However, I don't think we need just 100 names in the roster - we need 100 strong, dedicated Republican women who are willing to work for the good of the Party and this club.

So bring your friends to the meetings and let them see what we are all about and what we have to offer them - let them get to know us and let us know them -and then let's sign them up as members and co-workers. THAN we will have a strong, viable club to really make some history!!

The 2007 membership form is included with the Newsletter and I will have them with me at each meeting. Even if you are a continuing member and have been a member since BLRWW started, I would still like to have a fully fill-out membership form for everyone, so please just fill one out and get it to me.

Good luck, Evon, for a GREAT 2007 - I will be behind you helping any way I can!!

**Vice President, Hospitality:  
Donna Couch**

What a great way to meet more of our members- taking our reservations and greeting our members at the meetings make it convenient for everyone, you can either call me at 817-596-9146 (please leave a message if no one answers) or email me at [donnacouch@uwmail.com](mailto:donnacouch@uwmail.com). I would welcome at least two assistants at the check in table, and would ask anyone who is interested to please let me know before the meeting.

**3rd Vice President, Campaign & PR: Nickie Allen**

Our new Judge of County court at Law, Judge Jerry Buckner was sworn in on January 2, 2007 and a delightful reception honoring him and the occasion was planned and orchestrated by the Randy Myers Law Firm. And, if you haven't seen their offices you have certainly missed something. A large number of well wishers were in attendance; many of whom are fellow Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford friends of Judge and Dr. Brandi Buckner.

Judge Buckner has practiced Family and Criminal Law and Mediation since 1979 in Weatherford and prior to that was the Chief Prosecutor for Tim Curry in Fort Worth. Judge Buckner doesn't expect the law to protect him in every instance; he is a Black Belt Karate teacher and has other licenses to protect himself.

We are very happy to have our new Judge Buckner in office and appreciate his grit and tenacity.



**BLRWW members at reception for Judge Jerry Buckner. L to r: front: Judge Quisenberry, Nickie Allen, Judge Akers. Back row: Evon Markum, Geneva Martin, Zan Statham, Donna Couch, Jan Barton, Judge Buckner, Brandi Buckner, Jody Morgan, Joan Shaw, Marci Akers, Sari Rogers.**

**4th Vice President, Finance  
Judy Molenberg**

With the New Year came a new core of officers. We are excited and ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work. 2008 will be here before anyone notices and so we must get ready. BLRWW will play a major part in shaping the future for our community and country. As the board makes decisions about fund raisers the membership will always be informed. I look Happy New Year!!!! Hope everyone had a good holiday forward to the challenge and rewards of this position. I will try to perform on the same level as my predecessor. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. If anyone has any suggestions for fund raisers please let me know. Remember "two heads are better than one". Can you imagine what we can make happen with all the talent we have!!

**...from our county chair**

Thank you to Bush Legacy for supporting the Republican Party in the 2006 election! Thank you for contributions of time, money and enthusiasm!

The nation suffered a horrible setback in November, but Parker County did great. We contributed to our statewide candidates and continued to elect only Republicans to represent us at all levels of government.

It's easy to only hear about the negative, but the Republican Party had many victories in November across the state. We made gains in 95 counties. We gained 25 county judge positions. We gained 206 local county offices. There were three counties that elected their first Republican to office. Overall, Republicans picked up 187 seats across the state. We made strides to promote the Republican cause in Texas!

We're talking about the results of 2006, but always remember that the 2008 election cycle is upon us. I've been contacted by Senator Cornyn's office for assistance along with several statewide candidates that will be up for re-election in 2008. The Party will have to choose a candidate to follow President George W. Bush. The process is in full swing and official filings to be on the ballot will begin in less than eleven months.

Again, thank you for your contributions. I'm looking forward to Bush Legacy growing in influence over the next year and to a successful 2008 election cycle!

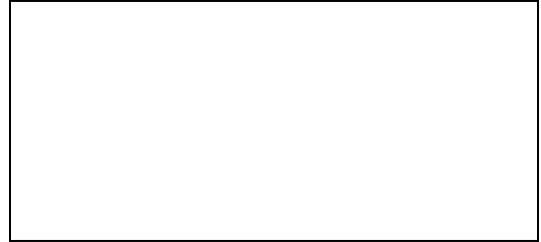
Zan Statham, Parker County Republican Chair

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**Membership Application  
Enclosed!**



**Dates to remember:**

- Jan 18** BLRWW Meeting Tin Melon  
11:30 AM Reservations a must!
- Feb 1** BLRWW Board Meeting  
Noon, Tin Melon
- Feb 5** Deadlines for Registration for  
Legislative Day in Austin,  
March 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Bush Legacy Republican Women  
Of Weatherford**

**Officers**

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1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Jenny Barnwell
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