



# LONE STAR LEGACY

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## From the President...

*“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” Henry Ford*

Wow! It just doesn't seem like twelve months has already passed but it has. This is my last newsletter article so I will try to make it brief. I want to thank all of you for your support this year. We have a great club and a very active one. All of you offer this organization so much with your special skills. That was proven when the results of the election came out and Parker County was right at 80% Republican. Your hard work and efforts paid off for Texas. Sorry to say that we didn't win the White House but that to shall pass once again. So, with that being said, it seems to me that our work is cut out for us for the next four years. It's time to strengthen our resolve and replace those that are not true Republicans. The reason why we lost this election is when Democrats act like Republicans and Republicans act like Democrats, we loose. That has to stop. I hope each of you takes the challenge to help make a difference and make sure our party is the Republican Party of the future.

As I was reading our TFRW's President's message in her last article she shared a quote from Former President Ronald Reagan and I would like to share that with you:

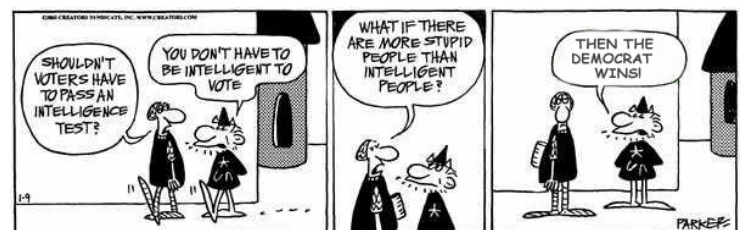
*“My fellow Americans: Over 350 years ago, a small band of Pilgrims, after gathering in their first harvest at Plymouth Colony, invited their friends and neighbors, who were Indians, to join them in a feast of Thanksgiving. Together they sat around their bountiful table and bowed their heads in gratitude to the Lord for all that He had bestowed upon them. This week, so many years later, we, too, will gather with family and friends and, after saying*

*grace, carve up a turkey, pass around the cranberries and dressing, and later share slices of pumpkin pie. We Americans have so much for which to be thankful. We will give thanks for these and one thing more: our freedom. Yes, in America, freedom sounds like the air around us: It's there; it's sweet, though we rarely give it a thought. Yet as the air fills our lungs, freedom fills our souls. It gives breath to our laughter and joy. It gives voice to our songs. It gives us strength as we race for our dreams. Yes, as we gather together this Thanksgiving to ask the Lord's blessings, as we of whatever faith we are give praises to His name, let us thank Him for our peace, prosperity and freedom. Happy Thanksgiving.”*

Ronald Reagan

Yes, ladies we have a lot to be thankful for, as we are so blessed to live in a country where we are free. Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year and I look forward to working with you in the year to come. I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Party on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We are installing a great group of women ready to serve and keep you informed. Make you reservations now. Elyse and Marcus Carter are our gracious hosts at their lovely home in Annetta. Their home is very easy to find. Watch for more details.

Again, thanks for a wonderful year. I have been very proud to serve you.



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For the past few years [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) has positioned itself, or others have labeled it, as the 'tell all final word' on any comment, claim and email.

But for several years people tried to find out who exactly was behind [snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com). Only recently did Wikipedia get to the bottom of it - kinda makes you wonder what they were hiding. Well, finally we know. It is run by a husband and wife team - that's right, no big office of investigators and researchers, no team of lawyers. It's just a mom-and-pop operation that began as a hobby.

David and Barbara Mikkelson in the San Fernando Valley of California started the website about 13 years ago - and they have no formal background or experience in investigative research. After a few years it gained popularity believing it to be unbiased and neutral, but over the past couple of years people started asking questions who was behind it and did they have a selfish motivation? The reason for the questions - or skepticisms - is a result of [snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) claiming to have the bottom line facts to certain questions or issue when in fact they have been proven wrong. Also, there were criticisms the Mikkelsons were not really investigating and getting to the 'true' bottom of various issues. I can personally vouch for that complaint.

A few months ago, when my State Farm agent Bud Gregg in Mandeville hoisted a political sign referencing Barack Obama and made a big splash across the internet, 'supposedly' the Mikkelson's claim to have researched this issue before posting their findings on [snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com). In their statement they claimed the corporate office of State Farm pressured Gregg into taking down the sign, when in fact nothing of the sort ever took place.

I personally contacted David Mikkelson (and he replied back to me) thinking he would want to get to the bottom of this and I gave him Bud Gregg's contact phone numbers - and Bud was going to give him phone numbers to the big

exec's at State Farm in Illinois who would have been willing to speak with him about it. He never called Bud. In fact, I learned from Bud Gregg no one from [snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) ever contacted anyone with State Farm.

Yet, [snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) issued a statement as the 'final factual word' on the issue as if they did all their homework and got to the bottom of things - not! Then it has been learned the Mikkelson's are Jewish - very Democratic (party) and extremely liberal. As we all now know from this presidential election, liberals have a purpose agenda to discredit anything that appears to be conservative. There has been much criticism lately over the internet with people pointing out the Mikkelson's liberalism revealing itself in their website findings. Gee, what a shock?

So, I say this now to everyone who goes to [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) to get what they think to be the bottom line facts...'proceed with caution.' Take what it says at face value and nothing more. Use it only to lead you to their references where you can link to and read the sources for yourself. Plus, you can always google a subject and do the research yourself. It now seems apparent that's all the Mikkelson's do. After all, I can personally vouch from my own experience for their not fully looking into things.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snopes.com>

**THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED  
FOR SENATOR SAXBY  
CHAMBLISS IN THE RECENT  
ELECTION IN GEORGIA. SAXBY  
WON!**

## LEGISLATIVE ROBIN GENTRY

This month I am not giving an update. I am making an appeal.

As I write this we are just about to Election Day. It seems to me this election has gone on for years, and I like politics! Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, will be the end and with it this, country will see a change in its president. One thing that will not change is which party will be in charge of the House and the Senate which means 2-4 more years of Pelosi and Reed. This is to quote Thomas Paine 'These are the times that try men's souls'.

What I have heard a lot in this election is "I feel". I feel like change or I feel that so and so! What I mean is I have heard a great deal of ignorance in our population. I have talked, studied and prayed about this and I keep coming back to a couple of items. Our Faith and our Constitution! We as a nation and a party have been cowed down in the understanding of both. Faith has core values associated with it. If they have not been taught or if we have turned away from them, people "feel" and can justify almost anything. We can turn from personal responsibility and turn toward the god of government to solve our problems and impose responsibility. With our constitution we have a very similar response. When was the last time you read our constitution? Have you ever asked your elected officials if they have read our constitution? Have you read the constitution and discussed it as a family and have you asked your children's history teachers if they have read and taught the constitution in the classroom? I think you might be surprised!! We as a nation are willfully ignorant about our form of government and our rights and responsibilities in the government.

This election has shown a bright spotlight on how ignorant we are about our constitution. This came through clear with several interviews of young people as a whole, but not exclusively. When Obama can propose the ideas he has in the campaign and in interviews before, when Congress can do what they have done and the American people as a whole do not say anything or question it, when at the worst people think it sounds like good ideas, it is imperative that we start teaching. Ladies throughout history mothers and grandmothers have been some of the greatest teachers of values, responsibility and history. I want to challenge each of you to rekindle this American value. We need each of you to take the lead. The Heritage foundation ([www.heritagefoundation.org](http://www.heritagefoundation.org)) as well as other foundations have pocket constitution for about \$1.00/each. My point ORDER THEM, READ IT and use them as socking stuffers for Christmas. Yes, Christmas, the center of the founding of this great country. At a time when we celebrate His birth let us encourage everyone we know to learn once again about the Christian foundation of this great country and our government. The next four years will be very difficult and if McCain does not win the Presidency they will have grave ramifications. We must commit to educating everyone about what this country is really about and not the eroded watered down version of what the liberals would have us believe. We can turn the tide of ignorance with a great commitment, strong faith and a true belief that this is the greatest country with the greatest form of government the world has ever known.

Here is a website for you all to go to. Please do so.:

[www.lawatchdog.com/SecondRevolution071108.com](http://www.lawatchdog.com/SecondRevolution071108.com)

Bush Legacy Republican Women of  
Weatherford  
November 13, 2008  
Doss Heritage & Cultural Center

President Jenny Barnwell called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Invocation was given by Judy Flanagin. Pledge to the American Flag was led by Bob Estes and pledge to Texas Flag by Brooke Worthington.

Recognition was made of Elected Officials and Guests. There were 3 guests present.

Dottie Worthington introduced Eric Fox as our guest speaker. Eric gave a great presentation on what happened in the election and the causes and effects.

Business Meeting

Quorum was present.

Minutes were presented and recommendation made to amend to include names of the officers nominated and elected at last meeting. Motion made by Zan Prince, seconded by Carolyn Estes to accept minutes as amended. Motion passed. Treasurer's report presented and accepted for filing for audit.

Regina DeVore asked members to send in final volunteer hours.

Robin Gentry gave update on the Bylaws.

Hospitality Chairman Judy Flanagin reported 28 persons present.

Unfinished Business

Eric Fox will get back to Jenny with date and time for Lockheed Martin tour.

Announcements:

Next board meeting, Thurs. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> with new officers.

Carolyn Estes and Sue Melton announced drive to send coffee to our troops in Iraq.

Dec. Meeting/Christmas party/installation, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at Elyse Carter's home

County Chair, Zan Prince, thanked all the members for their hard work during the election.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

**I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.**

**Thomas Jefferson**

**The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.**

**Thomas Jefferson**

**Finally a Very Interesting Quote in light of the present financial crisis, it's interesting to read what Thomas Jefferson said in 1802:**

***'I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.'***

**Bush Legacy Republican Women  
Of Weatherford**

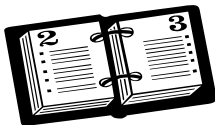
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**Bush Legacy Republican Women  
Of Weatherford**

Officers

President	Jenny Barnwell
1 <sup>st</sup> VP Programs	Dottie Worthington
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Membership	
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP Campaign	
& PR	Regina DeVore
4 <sup>th</sup> VP Finance	Elyse Carter
5 <sup>th</sup> VP ByLaws	
& Legislation	Robin Gentry
6 <sup>th</sup> VP Hospitality	Judy Flanagan
Secretary	Pat Martin
Corresponding Secretary/ Newsletter	Joan Shaw
Treasurer	Jan Barton
Parliamentarian	Jeane Brunson
Advisor	Carolyn Estes



**Dates to  
Remember**

December 18	BLRWW Holiday
6:30 PM	Dinner & Installation of Officers

*Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford*

**IT'S NOT THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP;  
IT'S THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP**

- BLRWW Website and Monthly Newsletters with web based meeting reservations and reminders
- Arm Yourself with Political Knowledge and Education
- Meet Area Leaders and Politicians
- Opportunity to Network with Others and Become a Mentor to Others
- Become a Leader; Join Other Members in a Leadership Role in Our Community
- Assist in Making Republican Issues Visible to the Community
- Assist to Register Voters
- Advertise In the BLRWW Newsletter
- Membership to TFRW and NFRW
- Keeping you Informed on Important Issues with Informative Programs and Outstanding Speakers
- Build Lasting Friendships and Memories with fellow Republicans
- Serve on Community Service Projects
- As a Member You Support Our Troops in BLRWW Projects
- As a Member You Become an Advocate For Republican Principles
- Learn About and Support Great BLRWW Scholarships Programs
- Attend or Assist with Fundraisers
- Annual Christmas Party, Membership Drive and Other Fellowship Activities Throughout the Year
- Learn About Political Meetings Happening in Your Neighborhood

**WHAT'S IN YOUR BLRWW WALLET?**

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CONTACT VP MEMBERSHIP CRIS RICE 817-304-2265



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. Mr. Other Title \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: Items in ( ) will be printed in directory unless checked.**

**IT'S NOT THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP,  
IT'S THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

(REQUIRED)

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Membership is \$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual Membership \$90.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Primary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership \$90.00

(Republican men, spouse, etc.)

( ) Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ / Day \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make A Difference! Join A Committee.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, contact me regarding the following BLRWW activities

\_\_\_ Awards \_\_\_ Campaign Activities \_\_\_ Hospitality

\_\_\_ Peach Festival \_\_\_ Voter Registration

Other: \_\_\_\_\_