



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

Spring is in the air and what a beautiful time of the year it is with all of the birds and bees, everyone working in their yards and gardens. What a great time of the year to be working on Texas Victory 2008 as well. We are headed in the right direction with the campaign of Senator McCain. Mark your calendars for our first meeting of Texas Victory for Tuesday, May 20th in Arlington. We will have signup sheets at the next meeting. We need to have a good group there since we gave \$10,000 to this campaign.

The Democrats are helping us every day and we thank them for their great efforts. The battle is getting hotter and hotter and Senator Clinton has no plans of quitting. This party will be divided between the popular votes, delegates and SUPER delegates. Whichever one comes out as their nominee, I know that the Republican Party has a much better chance now of winning the election in November. We need to stay the course and work every corner and angle we can find to help defeat the Democrats this November.

We have another great speaker this month. His name is Termit Watkins and you don't want to miss this story of determination to teach young Iraq's how to box and go to the Olympics. Dottie has done a tremendous job with the programs and she has more in store for the rest of the year.

Our volunteer hours continue to grow. Let's keep working every chance we get and be sure to turn those hours into Regina at the next meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. Be sure to bring a friend and tell them that our group is the best Republican group out there and they need to be a part of the action.

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HOSPITALITY JUDY FLANIGAN

Make plans now to attend Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford's next regular monthly luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 11:30 am – 1:00 PM at the Doss Heritage & Culture Center located at 1400 Texas Drive in Weatherford. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Invite a friend or two! If you are not on our standing reservation list, please RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 15, 2008 by calling me on my cell at (817) 925-6425 or at my office (817) 596-8100 or email me at judy@philking.com.

LEGISLATIVE ROBIN GENTRY

I mentioned at our March meeting we have been working on changes to our bylaws. These will not be major changes, but we did need to make sure we complied with the state bylaws and several items needed to be cleaned up or clarified. That process is almost complete. We will email the bylaws out to every member for you to have time to review them. All the changes will be in red text to make it easy for the review. We will then need to vote on the changes at our monthly meeting. Please keep and eye out for this email in the next two weeks.

Other items of importance

From Marilyn Davis, VP Legislation for TFRW. Several TFRW ladies attended the NFRW 2008 Spring board meeting in Washington, D.C. in March.. Voting members of the board

unanimously passed a resolution endorsing John McCain as the Republican candidate for President.

The legislative committee met and decided to continue to support Jessica's Law, the informal name given to a 2005 Florida law designed to punish sex offenders and reduce their ability to re-offend. With the help of grassroots Republican ladies nationwide, forty-one states including Texas, have passed Jessica's Law. A version of Jessica's Law has been introduced at the federal level, known as the Jessica Lunsford Act.

The legislative committee also voted to advocate the passage of Katie's Law in all fifty states. Katie's Law is named after Katie Sepich, a young New Mexico woman, who was brutally raped and murdered. Skin and blood were found under her fingernails, leaving the attacker's DNA sample. This DNA profile was sent to the national DNA database system (called CODIS), where officials hoped a match would be made. The Sepich's later learned that most state laws do not allow law enforcement to take DNA for felony arrests. This was the beginning of the quest for "Katie's Law", which requires immediate DNA testing on those arrested for felonies.

**Individuals with good self esteem
can accept or reject the opinions of
others, but never depend on them
for their sense of worthiness.**

**Bush Legacy Republican Women of
Weatherford
March 27, 2008
Doss Heritage & Cultural Center
Weatherford, Texas**

The regular monthly meeting of Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford was called to order at 12:00 noon, President Jenny Barnwell presiding.

Dianna Littlepage gave the invocation. Pledge to American Flag was lead by Carolyn Estes, The Salute to the Texas Flag was lead by Dottie Worthington.

The president welcomed and recognized the elected official and guests.

Dottie Worthington introduced our speaker, Dana Bowman. His presentation demonstrated the drive to succeed.

A quorum check was made and there was a quorum present.

Minutes of the February meeting were presented and approved as read.

Treasurer report was read and approved to be filed for audit.

Membership, Chris Rice, reported five new members sign up today. We now have fifty-five members and six associate members. Chris also announce she had the new member's name tags and that she could order replacements at the cost of \$10.00 for anyone needing a new name tag.

Campaign and PR chair, Regina DeVore, requested that all our volunteer hours to date, be turned in to her as soon as possible.

Bylaws & Legislation chair, Robin Gentry reported that the revisions should be ready to bring before the membership at the next meeting.

President Barnwell announced that three newsletters, sent via e-mail, were returned due to their server. Everyone that doesn't receive the newsletter needs to check their spam and junk mail boxes and make the appropriate changes to their systems. If the problem continues, you would need to call someone from your server to correct the problem. Everyone is on the email list.

Hospitality chair, Judy Flanagan reported twenty-two members and seven guests were present at today's meeting.

Dottie Worthington presented the audit report. A motion was made by Jeannie Leonard to accept the report and seconded by Robin Gentry. It was voted on and passed.

Zan Prince reminded all the delegates of the County Conventions on March 29 and expressed the urgency of attending..

The drawing was held for door prizes.

A motion was made by Dottie Worthington to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jeannie Leonard.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.

DID YOU KNOW?

Just a little over one year ago:

- 1) Consumer confidence stood at a 2 1/2 year high;
- 2) Regular gasoline sold for \$2.19 a gallon;
- 3) The unemployment rate was 4.5%.

Since voting in a Democratic Congress in 2006 we've seen

- 1) Consumer confidence plummet;
- 2) The cost of regular gasoline soar to over \$3 a gallon;
- 3) Unemployment is up to 5% (a 10% increase);
- 4) American households have seen \$2.3 trillion in equity value evaporate (stock and mutual fund losses);
- 5) Americans have seen their home equity drop by \$1.2 trillion dollars;
- 6) 1% of American homes are in foreclosure.

America voted for change in 2006, and we got it!



**APRIL MEETING SPEAKER
MAURICE "TERMITE" WATKINS**

Maurice "Termite" Watkins always loved a good fight. At ten years of age and a scrawny 65 pounds, he already knew what he wanted – to be a champion. With very little natural athletic ability, he reached his goals through sheer determination and perseverance. At age sixteen, Termite became the nation's youngest national Golden Gloves champion. He was an astounding amateur, with 128 wins and only ten losses. Termite turned pro his senior year in high school, and set his sights on a world title. His 58 professional wins included 48 knock-outs. In 1980, he fought in Caesar's Palace for the coveted world title in a double main event that featured Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes. In a fifteen-round brutal fight, Termite lost to champion, Saoul Mamby.

Retired from boxing and enjoying a successful sales career, Termite was settled into a suburban life with his family in Deer Park, Texas until the events on 9/11 changed his life. Termite felt an overwhelming desire – he believed it was a calling of God – to serve his country. He asked what he could do for his country. The surprising answer was pest control, the business he'd learned as a child from his father. The coalition needed someone to go into Iraq to rid military camps of snakes, scorpions and bugs. Over his family's strong objections, Termite headed to Iraq.

Termite's patriotic service soon spread beyond vipers and flies – he offered boxing classes to soldiers, officers, and aid workers. News spread of this high-energy boxer with the infectious "can-do" attitude. Visionary coalition leader Mike Gfoeller presented an amazing challenge to the Texan: build

and get them into the Olympics in Athens. Ousted for the unspeakable crimes against its athletes, Iraq had not been in the Olympics in decades. "It was a slim-to-nothing chance, maybe one in a million," Termite said.

Meeting his team of forgotten, rusty athletes in Baghdad, Termite was unimpressed with their skills but amazed by the hearts of these twenty-four Iraqis. Some arrived without shoes; none had headgear or mouthpieces. "It took tremendous courage for these men to show up on that soccer field to meet an American," said Termite.

He fell in love with them and put his life at risk every day to help them reach their Olympic dreams. Termite's incredible perseverance and total devotion to a goal was called upon to overcome daunting obstacles. The quest of this unlikely team and their colorfully charismatic coach inspired the world. At a time of tanks and the toppling of Hussein statues, Termite's team sent the message of hope and freedom in a war-torn nation. CNN, Fox, NBC, ABC, CBS, The New York Times, Sports Illustrated, and every other major news outlet heralded the triumph of spirit represented by Termite and his men.

A riveting motivational speaker, Termite spreads the message of overcoming obstacles to groups and schools across the nation.

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THE NEWSLETTER**

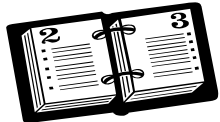
Advertising is available in the newsletter. If you would like to place an ad, contact Joan Shaw for information. Remember – no corporate dollars can be used for the ad.

**Bush Legacy Republican Women
Of Weatherford**

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We're on the web!
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**Dates to
Remember**

April 17, 2008
11:30 AM
BLRWW Meeting
Doss Heritage &
Cultural Center

May 20, 2008
Texas Victory 2008
Arlington, TX

**Bush Legacy Republican Women
Of Weatherford**

Officers

President	Jenny Barnwell
1 st VP Programs	Dottie Worthington
2 nd VP Membership	Cris Rice
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& PR	Regina DeVore
4 th VP Finance	Rita Jernigan
5 th VP Bylaws	
& Legislation	Robin Gentry
6 th VP Hospitality	Judy Flanagan
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Treasurer	Jan Barton
Parliamentarian	Jeane Brunson
Advisor	Carolyn Estes

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?

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. Mr. Other Title _____

() Name: _____

() Address: _____

() City, State, Zip: _____

() Home Phone: _____

() Cell Phone: _____

() Work Phone: _____

() Email: _____

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**IT'S NOT THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP,
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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: _____