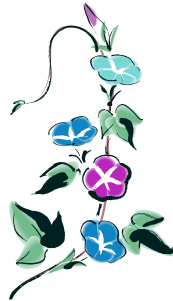


Lone Star ★ LEGACY

Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford

From the President...

Spring is always such a wonderful time of the year. New growth, beautiful fresh flowers and trees budding out all over! It's a welcome change from the cold and dark grey of winter. I have been hearing cold and dark comments about our national administration. If anything, the current administration is causing us all to work harder at spreading our conservative values and to strengthen our party. With that hard work will come new growth and beautiful fresh voters who share our values and commitment. That is exciting!



Although we are only a quarter of the way through this year, Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford (BLRWW) has been off to a great start. We are gaining new members, have had wonderful and informative programs, and can feel the energy growing. The BLRWW officers and board constantly overwhelm me with their dedication to our group and the integrity of our party. They are working hard to serve Parker County. Hats off to them!

About 16 of our BLRWW members will be traveling to Austin for the Texas Federation of Republican Women "Legislative Day" on April 15-16, 2009. We will be joining hundreds of other women in RED as we celebrate our purpose, enjoy great fellowship and educational sessions, as well as dinner with our own State Rep. Phil King.

Since so many of us will be gone during our regularly scheduled meeting date, our board voted to move our April meeting to April 30th, at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker for the month is Scott Moran, an oil and gas attorney. Please note the new date for April and we look forward to seeing you at Railhead. Remember, no RSVP is necessary!

I pray you and your family will have a blessed Easter! ★

Judy Flanagin, President

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



- April 2** Parker County Republican Party meeting, Doss Student Center at Weatherford College, in the A. Strain Room, 7 p.m.
- April 6** BLRWW Board Meeting
- April 7** Parker County Young Republicans meet; call Mike at 817-301-2871 for information.
- April 15** *Don't miss the Weatherford TEA Party; see page 3 for more information.*
- April 16** TFRW Legislative Day, Austin
- April 30** *We're supporting our troops this month with special care packages!* (See page 3 for more information.) We want all of you to bring a package for our troops to our BLRWW Monthly Meeting at **Railhead Smokehouse, 120 S. Ranch House Road in Willow Park**. Arrive *no later than* 11:30 a.m. to order food if you'd like to eat. Our program will begin at noon. You can also come for the program and order food to go after the meeting! *No RSVP is required.* Visit www.railheadbbq.net for directions and the menu.
- May 30** Women in the Outdoors at the Sweeney Ranch in Weatherford. Contact Dottie Worthington at 817-594-0291 to sign up. Women in the Outdoors events are held across the country using experts and trained professionals to teach outdoor skills in a noncompetitive environment. The program helps members develop outdoor skills and emphasizes the importance of wildlife management and the role of hunters in conservation. Courses can include archery, fishing, handgun basics, primitive cooking and much more.
- June 27** Redneck Roundup Fundraiser (*Save the date!* More information to come in future newsletters and at www.blrww.com.)

Hospitality

Eminent Domain on the April 30 Meeting Agenda

Eminent Domain: The power of the federal or state government to take private property for a public purpose, even if the property owner objects. The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution allows the government to take private property if the taking is for a public use and the owner is "justly compensated" (usually, paid fair market value) for his or her loss. A public use is virtually anything that is sanctioned by a federal or state legislative body, but such uses may include roads, parks, reservoirs, schools, hospitals or other public buildings. Sometimes called condemnation, taking or expropriation.

Our April meeting speaker, Scott Moran of the law firm Burford and Ryburn LLP, has represented public utilities, pipeline companies, telephone companies and entities with large land interests. His clients have benefitted from his extensive experience working for both sides of the dispute involving eminent domain cases. His practice has also included defending clients in a myriad of general liability matters, including premises,



Scott Moran

product and professional liability. He has had substantial experience in representing pharmacies in liability claims. Mr. Moran has also provided legal services to charitable institutions in variable legal matters.

His professional memberships and involvements include the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Bar Association, the Dallas Association of Defense Council, the International Right of Way Association and Phi Alpha Delta.

Mr. Moran is a frequent speaker on eminent domain law at legal seminars. He also teaches courses in eminent domain law, real estate law, presentation of expert testimony and ethics.

Mr. Moran has a J.D., B.B.A. Baylor University, 1973. He is admitted to practice in State and Federal courts, and the United States Supreme Court. ★

Legislative

Border Security Vital for Texas

Today, efforts to secure the U.S.-Mexico border from all threats have never been more important. The Mexican organized crime cartels dominate the lucrative drug and human smuggling market, and have resorted to using terrorist tactics, employing former Mexican military commandos and transnational gangs, such as the Barrio Azteca, Texas Syndicate, MS-13, and the Mexican Mafia.

In 2007, the Texas Legislature took bold action by investing \$110 million in border security to increase local and state patrol capacity along the Texas-Mexico border. Our investment in boots on the ground and increased patrols in the air and on the water have made a difference. Since operations began, Texas has seen a 52 percent drop in illegal alien apprehensions, and reduced border crime as much as 65 percent in key border areas.

The numbers on the other side of the border are staggering and getting worse, and we need to continue our support of their efforts, to combat this scourge plaguing our southern border.

In 2008 alone, the organized crime cartels were responsible for 5,700 murders in Mexico, and 1,600 in Ciudad Juárez, just across the river from El Paso. Already in 2009, over 1,000 drug-related murders have taken place in Mexico; nearly 400 of those in Ciudad Juárez.

Texas has developed contingency plans to address spillover violence, which we define as "violent acts against Texans as a direct or indirect result of the criminal enterprise activities of the Mexican organized crime cartels and their associates."

Over the past several months, Governor Perry has been in close conversations with Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. Governor Perry discussed Texas' border security efforts and additional needs from the federal government. In their discussion, Gov. Perry requested an additional 1,000 Title 32

National Guard positions, along with six OH-58 helicopters equipped with Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) for night operations.

Gov. Perry also requested Secretary Napolitano's support in seeking congressional funding to establish a Border Region Security Initiative that would provide additional local and state law enforcement positions, equipment and operating costs to rapidly increase the patrol presence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Along with the Federal assistance for border security, I am working with Gov. Perry to seek an additional \$135 million in state funding to address border security and transnational gangs.

Mexico is an appreciated neighbor and partner in trade and commerce, but we cannot compromise our safety and security. The situation on our border is gravely serious, and now is the time for the State of Texas and the U.S. Government to work in collaboration to end the violence crossing the boundary into our country.

It is a pleasure to serve you in the Texas Legislature. ★

Phil King

Don't Forget!

This month's luncheon meeting at Railhead has been moved to April 30

Legislative

It's TEA Time in Weatherford April 15

Date: April 15th, 2009
 Time: 4:00 p.m.
 Location: First Monday Grounds,
 corner of Santa Fe and Fort Worth Highway

On April 15th, 2009, we invite all citizens to join us and over 300 other Texas communities in voicing their concerns about reckless government spending, massive deficits, failed bailouts and the increased taxes that will be required of us to support these wasteful government programs. Come celebrate the Weatherford TEA Party and tell our government that we are Taxed Enough Already (TEA).

On the day that every American taxpayer is required to sacrifice almost one-third of their annual income to support our Federal government, we will meet at the First Monday Grounds at 4:00 p.m. We will have key speakers available to discuss the issues that we face, and use every means we can to get the message out to our own government officials and those critical voters passing by. Bring your signs, posters and banner, and be ready to make your voice heard.

It is time for the voices of the silent majority to shake the halls of Congress and make themselves heard.

We encourage anyone who is concerned with the direction this nation is headed and the already high taxes that we are expected to bear to support this reckless spending, to show up and let your government know that we are indeed Taxed Enough Already and will not accept any more.

Visit www.teapartyday.com/ to sign up for the event and visit the following sites for more information:

- www.pcyr.us.
- www.weatherfordteaparty.blogspot.com

For additional information concerning this event, or if you wish to volunteer to help, see the contact information below:

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Caring for America Give Back to Our Troops This Month

BLRWW is giving you a great opportunity this month to show your support for our troops through a special care package drive at this month's meeting.

At our Railhead luncheon meeting (moved to April 30 this month), please bring a care package for our troops. BLRWW will take care of the mailing. Your package should be no larger than 8.5" x 11", and 5" deep, and include items such as:

- Trial sizes of shampoo, conditioner
- Trial size lotion
- Sunblock
- Aloe vera
- Eye drops
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Sunflower seeds/Beef jerky
- Small packs of cookies/cheese and crackers
- Granola bars/cereal bars
- Gum/hard candy
- Instant drink mixes (like Gatorade)
- Travel size liquid hand sanitizer
- Cough drops
- Lip balm

This is a great opportunity for all of us to show our appreciation in a concrete way to the men and women of our military who give so much. We encourage you, as well as your friends and family, to generously participate in this event. What a simple but significant way to give back to our troops!

If you have Internet access, you can get additional ideas for care package items by searching for "U.S. troop care packages." Please call Carolyn Estes at 817-341-0237 if you have any questions. ★

Welcome New Members!

Please extend a warm welcome the next time you see them to new BLRWW members

Rebecca Gadus
 Ellen Woodward
 Shaundra Hardt
 &
 Patty Williams

Quarterly Quiz

I hope you're ready for this month's quiz on the U.S. Constitution. If you'd like to participate, get your answers to me by April 30, either via e-mail (karen@thgenergy.com), fax (866-569-0229) or phone at 817-980-7620. Whoever has the most correct answers wins a \$30 gift card to Barnes and Noble. In the event of a tie, a random drawing will be held to determine the winner. BLRWW 2009 officers are not eligible to enter. Please, just take your best guess if you don't know the answers: no Google, wikipedia, lifelines to friends, etc. I trust you all! Answers to this quiz will be published in next month's newsletter, along with the winners to this month's Quarterly Quiz. Printed copies of this quiz will be available at the monthly meeting at Railhead on *April 30*. I'll be glad to mail you printed copies as well; just call me at 817-980-7620. Good luck!

Karen Brasovan

- The Second Amendment to the Constitution states:
 - the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed
 - the House of Representative shall have the sole power to regulate the availability of arms
 - the right to keep and bear arms shall be regulated by the Congress
 - the National Guard has the right to bear arms under the President's command
 - a strong army being necessary to having a strong Federal Government, the right of the Army to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed
- United States House of Representatives members terms of office are for how many years before coming up for re-election?
 - Four
 - Three
 - Six
 - Two
- The U.S. Constitution guarantees that the United States shall protect each of the states against _____
 - Bad Presidents
 - their population carrying concealed weapons
 - lawsuits brought against them by other States
 - invasion
- The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees that in all criminal prosecutions, among other things, the accused shall enjoy the right to:
 - conjugal visits while in jail
 - a speedy and public trial
 - a trial by an impartial judge
 - a free phone call
- Where does the phrase "wall of separation between church and State" appear?
 - The U.S. Constitution
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - The Bill of Rights
 - The Mayflower Compact
 - None of the Above
- Which President of the United States also served as the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?
 - Herbert Hoover
 - William Taft
 - James Madison
 - Chester Arthur
 - Rutherford Hayes
- According to the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution what shall not be required?
 - A backup Speaker of the House
 - Congressional seniority to bring a bill to the floor in Congress
 - Wearing a tie in the White House
 - Excessive bail
 - A title of nobility to hold public office
- Using what Constitutional mechanism can the President of the United States make law?
 - The President has no Constitutional law making powers.
 - The President can by Executive Order make laws unless the Congress overturns them
 - By directing the activities of the heads of Governmental agencies like ther IRS and the EPA.
 - By using the "Magic 8 Ball"
 - By his power to finalize treaties with foreign nations.

Legislative

Staying Informed is Essential in 2009

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."

Can you identify the speaker of the above quote? Even if not, just consider the words. The year 2009 may not be an election year, but every voter must stay informed. The impact of bills passed this year can affect us for years to come. Are you an *informed* voter? Do you make the extra effort to stay informed when our elected officials meet? If you have Internet access and happen to search for controversial state or U.S. bills currently being considered, you're in for more than a little light reading. And maybe your e-mail inbox has received several warnings of bills to watch in 2009, both on the state and national level.

Please be encouraged to take the time to fully research any bills you read about, or on which you receive e-mail information. The full text of each bill is typically posted online and easily accessed using the bill number or author. Some of the bills you may want to track include (U.S.) HR 875, (TX) HB 3180, and (TX) SB 855. Another informative site is www.opencongress.org. For anyone not receiving e-mail updates or lacking Internet access, contact the office of your state or U.S. representative for an update. Contact information for state and elected officials, as well as other web sites for tracking bills, is available on page 5 of this newsletter.

Please stay informed, and never hesitate to contact the officials that you elected to remind them of where you stand. ★

Meeting Minutes

Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford, March 19, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford was called to order at 12:00 noon, Evon Markum filling in for President Judy Flanagin. Evon announced that President Flanagin's younger brother, Willie Langford, had died unexpectedly and she would not be present at today's meeting.

Pat Martin gave the invocation. Pledge to American Flag and the Texas State was lead by Evon Markum.

Evon Markum welcomed and recognized the elected officers of the club, the elected officials, new members and guests.

Joan Shaw introduced our speaker, Pat Hardy

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

Evon Markum asks that the minutes as printed in the March Newsletter be approved as printed. They were approved.

Robin Gentry gave the Treasurer report and announced that the balance in the operating account at this time is \$7,304.20. Joan Shaw made a motion to accept the financial report. It was seconded by Dottie Worthington. The membership voted and approved the report.

Under Membership, Dottie Worthington passed out membership forms to all the guests and members that have not rejoined.

Campaign and PR chair, Brandi Buckner, announced that it is time to turn in our volunteer hours. She passed out forms to be completed and turned in so she can report them.

Finance chair, Elyse Carter, reported that she was going to have a finance committee meeting this next week to set the times and dates of the upcoming fund raisers.



Bylaws and Legislation chair, Carolyn Estes, left information out on the tables.

Pat Martin reported on Hospitality, in the absence of chair Dodie Jordan, that we had 18 members present and 14 guests.

Newsletter – Karen Brasovan said that everything is on target concerning the newsletter.

There was no “Under Unfinished Business” to be reported.

Under “New Business,” the 2009 budget was presented. A motion was made to accept the budget by Dottie Worthington and seconded by Joan Shaw. It was voted on by the membership and passed unanimously.

Under Announcements, Evon Markum announced the following: (a) Next BLRWW Board Meeting, Monday, April 6, 2009 (b) Parker County Republican Women meeting, Thursday, April 9, 2009 (c) TFRW Legislative Day, April 16, 2009, Austin (d) Next BLRWW Meeting, Thursday April 30, 2009 (e) Friends of the Weatherford Library Luncheon, Friday, April 24, 2009, Los Vaqueros.

There were no Door Prize tickets drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m. ★

Subscribed by Pat Martin, Secretary



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