



## From the President...

Our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in the Parker Room, upstairs at the Fire Oak Grill, located at 114 Austin Ave. on the downtown square in Weatherford. (There is an elevator!) Ret. LTC Brian Birdwell will be our guest speaker. Lt. Col. Birdwell is a survivor of the terrorists' attacks on September 11, 2001; you can read more about him and his incredible story on page 2 of our newsletter.

Our September meeting will also be our membership drive. This will be an awesome meeting to invite your friends and families to. We will have applications for 2010 available at the meeting or you can download one from our web site: [www.blrww.com](http://www.blrww.com).

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE MEETING!! Fire Oak Grill is catering our luncheon at \$15 per plate. Please RSVP as soon as you can to me (817.925.6425 or [judy@philking.com](mailto:judy@philking.com)) or to Joan Shaw (817.917.0616 or [joanshaw@charter.net](mailto:joanshaw@charter.net)).

On another note, we continue to face the battle of vast changes being sought by President Obama and the Democrats. I recently heard Mark Davis (WBAP) make the statement that "...if we don't fight, we won't recognize America when Obama gets through..." There are some opportunities for us to stay informed and get involved in that fight:

- ★ Several BLRWW board members are deputy registrars and can get you, your friends and families registered to VOTE if you are not already registered
- ★ 912 Ft. Worth March and Rally, Saturday, September 12, 900 Main Street, downtown Fort Worth. Staging 1:00-1:45 p.m., March Downtown 2:00-3:00 p.m., Rally between 800 and 900 Main Street 3:30-6:00 p.m. Judge Andrew Napolitano, Senior Judicial Analyst for Fox News Channel, is the keynote speaker. This will be a great time to peacefully assemble and voice our grievances against the federal government. Bring your signs for the March, showing your frustrations with the policies and direction this country is headed! The Rally will include speakers, entertainment, food, and the whole family is invited. You can visit [www.912ftw.org](http://www.912ftw.org) for more information.
- ★ If HR 3200 or the yet unnumbered Senate bill passes, it would mean vast expanses in public funding for abortions. Medicaid would pay for elective abortions, the first time since the late 1970s. That would include requiring Texas' Medicaid program to match with state tax dollars the federal funds for abortions. Private health plans would be required to include abortion coverage, and the public option plan would also include abortion coverage. Here is a link to the

- ★ latest Write for Life newsletter with some background information:  
[http://www.texasallianceforlife.org/NEWS/WriteForLife/WFL\\_09\\_09.pdf](http://www.texasallianceforlife.org/NEWS/WriteForLife/WFL_09_09.pdf).
- ★ Homes for Our Troops built a home for Army SPC Brett Wolf at 3388 Adell Circle in Weatherford with the help of many local volunteers. BLRWW was able to provide some of the drinks and refreshments for those workers. Homes for Our Troops will present the keys to the house to SPC Wolf and his family on Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. BLRWW will again be providing food and refreshments for this special ceremony. Please plan to attend! General directions: FM 920 toward Peaster, left on 1885, 1.5 miles pass Adell Baptist Church turn right on Adell Circle, home is 1/2 mile on right.

We look forward to seeing you on September 17<sup>th</sup> and hope you will continue to stay informed and be involved. Thank you for all you do for our Republican party and for Parker County in the great State of Texas! ★

*Blessings,  
Judy Flanagan, President*

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



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| <b>September 3</b>  | Parker County Republican Party meeting   |
| <b>September 8</b>  | Parker County Young Republicans meet, 7 p.m., Northside Baptist Church Fireside Room. Call Mike, 817-301-2871, with questions.   |
| <b>September 9</b>  | BLRWW Board Meeting  |
| <b>September 17</b> | <b>PLEASE RSVP</b> this month for our BLRWW Meeting/Membership Drive with special guest speaker Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell, at the Fire Oak Grill Parker Room, 114 Austin Avenue, downtown Weatherford. Lunch will cost \$15, and our meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. |
|                     | Constitution Day   |
| <b>October 17</b>   | Fundraiser at Applebee's (see more information on page 2 about this and our other fundraisers).  |
| <b>October 24</b>   | Get Out the Vote Workshop<br>8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Doss Heritage Center  |

## Hospitality

# Survivor Remains an Inspiration to Many

Hear his incredible story Sept. 17 at Our Membership Drive Luncheon at Fire Oak Grill

**L**t. Col. (Ret.) Brian Birdwell will be sharing his inspirational story at BLRWW's monthly lunch meeting on September 17. Please invite your friends and family, and don't forget to RSVP this month.

Lt. Col. Birdwell and his wife, Mel, are both survivors of the terrorists' attacks on September 11, 2001. After hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 collided into the Pentagon, Brian was thrown to the ground and engulfed in flames. Of the burns that consumed 60 percent of his body, nearly half were third degree. While Brian was fighting for his life and undergoing 30+ surgeries, intensive skin grafts and unbearably painful medical care, Mel was fighting to maintain the couple's faith and their family. They believe that Brian was spared for the purpose of telling others about the Gospel, and they delight in sharing God's love and sovereignty with others.

Lt. Col. Brian D. Birdwell is a native of Fort Worth, Texas, and a 1984 graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Graduating as the Distinguished Military Student through the Army ROTC, he continued his service in the United States Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. After subsequently serving in South Korea for 18 months, Birdwell returned to the States and met his future wife, Mel.

Brian was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on September 11, 2001. After serving his country for 20 years, Brian retired and he and Mel founded Face the Fire Ministries, Inc. The ministry was established to assist burn survivors and wounded servicemen and women and their families.

Brian and Mel, have one son, Matt, and a golden retriever, Hayley. They reside in Granbury, Texas. ★

## Finance

# Pancakes, Christmas and Cookbooks...

**D**on't forget that our fundraisers are in full swing! There are several ways you can support our club.

On October 17, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., we'll have a delicious pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Weatherford. Each member is challenged to sell 10 of the \$7 tickets. Several members of your BLRWW Board will be serving, and it will be a fun event! Contact Elyse if you need extra tickets or haven't received yours to sell.

We'll also have forms available at the next meeting for our Christmas wreath fundraiser. BLRWW will receive a portion of the sales for beautiful, fresh, *handmade* 26-inch Norfolk pine wreaths for the Christmas season. Each member is challenged to sell 10 wreaths. These wreaths can even be shipped to friends out of state. They would also make unique, special Christmas gifts for business associates.

Several cookbooks have also been sold, and Elyse will have copies at the September meeting for you to look over. *Praise the Lord and Pass the Biscuits* is a memoir cookbook by author Suzanne McLennan. Her granddaughters have written *Cooking with Sugar and Spice*. Each time a BLRWW member purchases one of these cookbooks, our club receives \$2.

Contact Elyse at 817-594-9808 or wufwgn@uwmil.com for more information about any of these fundraisers. ★

## This Little Piggie...

*This is a one of the more creative Tea Party signs out there.  
Thank you, Carolyn Estes, for sharing!*

"This little piggie scares the markets (Obama), This little piggie steals homes (ACORN), This little piggie has roast pork (Congress), This little piggie gets none (and has to pay for everything) - U.S. taxpayer), And this little piggie cries "Me, me, me!" then eats us out of house and home (Big Government!)"



## Meeting Minutes

BLRWW, August 20, 2009  
Railhead Smokehouse Restaurant, Willow Park, Texas

The regular monthly meeting of Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by President Judy Flanagin.

Dodie Jordan gave the invocation. Pledge to the American Flag was led by Marcus Carter and to the Texas State Flag by Elyse Carter.

President Flanagin welcomed and recognized the elected officials, and guests.

Joan Shaw, program chair, announced that next month's meeting will be held at Fire Oak Grill in Weatherford.

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

Geneva Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the August newsletter. The motion was seconded by Elyse Carter. It was voted to accept the minutes as printed.

The treasurer's report was given by President Flanagin in the absence of the Treasurer Robin Gentry. Joan Shaw made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dianna Humphreys. A vote was taken and it passed.

Under Membership, Paula Quinn brought membership forms in the absence of Dottie Worthington.

Campaign & PR chair, Brandi Buckner, did not have a report.

Finance chair, Elyse Carter, announced that each member will be given ten tickets to sell to the October Fundraising Breakfast at Applebee's. The tickets were handed out to the members present.

Bylaws & Legislation chair, Carolyn Estes, was not present.

Hospitality chair, Dodie Jordan, reported that we had 18 members and 7 guests at today's meeting.

Under Literacy and Historian, Brooke Worthington was not present but had Paula Quinn bring us a copy of the pocket constitutions Brooke had distributed to the school.

There was nothing to address under Unfinished Business. Under New Business the following was discussed: (a) President Judy Flanagin asked for nominations for delegates to State and National Conventions. No one could commit at this time. We will have more discussion after the dates have been

*If you're missing our meetings, you're missing the fun... and we're missing you!*



Top photo: BLRWW members enjoy Fort Worth Star-Telegram Watchdog columnist Dave Lieber's presentation at our August meeting. Bottom photo: left to right, John Thompson, Pat Martin, Marcus Carter and Joyce Thompson visit before the meeting.

confirmed. (b) President Flanagin asked for nominations for the Nominating Committee. Pat Martin nominated Joan Shaw, Dianna Humphreys nominated Pat Martin, Joan Shaw nominated Geneva Martin, Geneva Martin nominated Dr. Brandi Buckner, Dr. Buckner nominated Dottie Worthington.

Under Announcements, President Judy Flanagin announced (a) Next BLRWW Board Meeting, Monday, September 7 (b) Parker County Republican Women's next meeting will be Monday, September 10 at 11:30 at DHCC (c) Parker County Republican Party meeting, Thursday, September 3, at 7 p.m. (d) Signing Petition Restoring our U.S. Constitution, Party HQ, September 10 at 10 a.m. (e) FW Tea Party, September 12 2:00 p.m., 900 Main Street, Fort Worth, (f) Pink Luncheon, Friday, October 9, 11 a.m., Victory Baptist Church Life Center.

The door prize tickets were drawn and the winners were presented the prizes.

Programs, Joan Shaw introduced our speaker, Dave Lieber.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:16 p.m. ★

*Subscribed by Pat Martin, Secretary*



*Happy Birthday!*

Sept. 3 Dr. Brandi Buckner      Sept. 21 Brooke Worthington  
Sept. 23 Nickie Allen          Sept. 26 Vicki Wallis

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