

Lone Star ★ LEGACY

Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford

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From the President...

Time for New Beginnings

Taylor Addison, Blue Mountain Arts, 1989

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,

Remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained. Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.

Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come.

Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life."

Happy New Year and welcome to Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford. As we say a fond farewell to 2008, we look ahead with anticipation to 2009 and all that it will bring. Something new almost always brings change and challenges. We certainly have lots of change and challenges ahead. President Obama and his family will be settling into their new home at the White House preparing to lead our nation. Countless other elected officials are taking oaths of office and preparing to fulfill their duties. As Republican Women, we have the challenge to continue our diligent efforts in bringing strength and unity to the Republican Party both locally and nationwide. Your newly elected BLRWW Board is ready and willing to work hard for you and the Party as we prepare in advance for the next round of elections! We invite you to be a part of this journey as well.

BLRWW meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month. Our meeting place is changing! Meet us at the Railhead Smokehouse, 120 S. Ranch House Road, in Willow Park. The speaker for the

January 15th program is Clay Melton (husband of our own Sue Melton). Please contact Dodie Jordan, our Hospitality Chair, at 817-594-0413 if you have any questions.

There are not enough words to thank our past BLRWW President, Jenny Barnwell, for her outstanding leadership, amazing commitment, and her contagious laughter. She has inspired us all to work hard and move forward. With that being said, I am excited to be a part of the new BLRWW Board and am ready to work hard with you all. I wish each of you a safe and Happy New Year! God bless. ★

Judy Flanagin, President

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



- January 15 BLRWW Monthly Meeting has a *new location* starting this month:
Railhead Smokehouse
120 S. Ranch House Road in Willow Park/Aledo
Arrive at 11:30 a.m. to order food if you'd like to eat. Our program will begin at noon if you need to arrive a little later. *No RSVP is required.* Visit www.railheadbbq.net for a map or to view the menu.
- February 21 Lincoln Day Dinner at the Petroleum Club, Fort Worth

There are no December meeting minutes in the newsletter this month (the Christmas party was held in lieu of a regular monthly meeting).

*Hospitality***January Meeting Speaker Holds Distinguished Career**

Brigadier General (retired) Clayton E. Melton enlisted in the Army in 1965 as an infantry soldier, obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant prior to being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in September 1969. He is a graduate of the Armor Advanced Course, Airborne School, Special Forces Qualification Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

General Melton served in numerous Command and Staff positions. In the Continental United States he commanded C Company, 2d Battalion, 34th Armor, 4th Infantry Division and also served as the Battalion Adjutant. Additionally he served as the S-3, 3rd Brigade, Fort Carson, Colorado; ROTC instructor at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi; Commander, 1st Brigade, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Commanding General, United State Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Director of Human Resources, Office of the Chief of Personnel, Headquarters, DA, Washington, D.C.

His overseas assignments included three command tour Commander, Headquarters Company, Theater Army Support Command Europe, Frankfurt, Germany A Company, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam and Commander, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Armored Division, Ansbach, Germany. Additional overseas assignments were:



Staff Officer, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, United States Army Europe; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, 1st Armored Division; Chief, Exercise and Training Division, Directorate for Operations, J-3, United States European Command; G-3, Headquarters, V Corps, United States Army Europe; and Executive Officer to the Commander In Chief, United States Army, Europe.

General Melton earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and a Master of Public Administration in Management from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters). He is also authorized to wear the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab, Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Drill Sergeant Badge.

General Melton is married to the former Sue Guillory from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and they currently live in Aledo, Texas. He is the President of an air conditioning and heating company. His hobbies are golf, horseback riding and playing with his granddaughter, Sydney, and grandson, Jackson. ★

Don't Forget!

This month's meeting on January 15 will be held at Railhead Smokehouse. Plan to arrive around 11:30 a.m. to give yourself time to get lunch through Railhead's ordering line before our program begins at noon, or you can plan to eat elsewhere before or after the meeting. The meeting will take place in Railhead's private meeting room, located at the back of the restaurant. Dodie Jordan will be seated outside the meeting room to check you in, along with the friends you'll hopefully be bringing! Please call Dodie at 817-594-0413 if you have any questions.

BLRWW Christmas Party and 2009 Officer Installation

Special thanks to Elyse and Marcus Carter for hosting this special event!



Above: Jenny Barnwell and Judy Flanagin share a hug, as (L to R), Dottie Worthington, Carolyn Estes, Brandi Buckner, and Pat Martin look on.

Above, L to R: Jenny Barnwell, Brandi Buckner, and Judy Flanagin.

Bottom Photo, Left Column, L to R: Carolyn Estes, Dottie Worthington, Brandi Buckner, Pat Martin, Judy Flannigan, Elyse Carter, and Joan Shaw are sworn in by Rep. Phil King.

Bottom Right Column Photo, L to R: Karen Brasovan, Carolyn Estes, Dottie Worthington, Brandi Buckner, Pat Martin, Judy Flanagin, Elyse Carter, and Joan Shaw are sworn in.



Above, L to R: Dottie Worthington, Karen Brasovan, Jenny Barnwell and Carolyn Estes.



2009 BLRWW Officers

Judy Flanagin, *President*

Joan Shaw, *1st Vice-President, Programs*

Dottie Worthington, *2nd Vice-President, Membership*

Brandi Buckner, *3rd Vice-President, Public Relations & Campaign Activities*

Elyse Carter, *4th Vice-President, Finance*

Carolyn Estes, *5th Vice-President, Bylaws & Legislation*

Jenny Barnwell, *Past President*

Dodie Jordan, *6th Vice-President, Hospitality*

Pat Martin, *Secretary*

Jan Barton, *Treasurer*

Robin Gentry, *Parliamentarian*

Karen Brasovan, *Newsletter*

Evon Markum, *Advisor*

Jeannie Leonard, *Chairman, Support Our Troops*

Gentleman.

He was classy.

Magnanimous.

A gentleman.

Ripped for being out of touch, he chose just the right touch.

A man who critics say only mangled his words.

Conjured just the right ones.

I'm not talking about John McCain yesterday.

I'm talking about President Bush today.

McCain gave a classy speech.

The president made a classy gesture.

Offering only good words for the man who repudiated his run of the White House.

But going one better -- inviting Barack and Michelle Obama to the White House.

To see the place, and talk about the place, and the pressures of the place, in private.

These were not empty words. The president took care months ago to put a transition team in place, so that a smooth transfer of power could take place.

President Bush wasn't so lucky when he was coming in.

Maybe things were different then. A lot of ill will then. Lots of hurtful words since then.

He wasn't even running this year but it seemed everyone, including his own party's nominee, was running against him all year.

If he minded, he didn't show it.

Parker County Young Republicans

Social/Organizational Meeting

January 20

6:30 p.m., at the home of
Mike & Karen Brasovan
105 Forest Court, Aledo

Join us for a great discussion, dinner, door prizes and
be ready to help get our local club incorporated!

Call Mike at 817-301-2871 with questions or to RSVP by Jan. 18

Congratulations!



*Our own Dianna Littlepage married
Jeff Humphrey on Dec 16th!*

I remember even talking to the president on the White House south lawn about it.

"Does it all bug you?," I asked.

"Nah," he said, shrugging his shoulders and adding simply, "I understand."

A man at peace with a nation seemingly at war... with him. Some for good reason, others apparently lacking reason.

He took nothing personally, always handling himself with dignity.

Not by what he said, but precisely what he did not.

I've read that the president is as kind to the elevator operator at the White House as he is a visiting head of state to the White House.

I've seen it myself. Every time I've interviewed him, he sticks around and personally shakes the hands of each member of my crew, and then hangs out for pictures. Lots of pictures.

I know, little things. But to me, big things. That bespeak of a man far bigger than the petty things I see in the press.

Or hear in a harsh campaign year.

That ended today, with a quiet gesture today.

From a president who'd be in his right to wag a finger.

But instead, simply offered his hand. ★

- Neil Cavuto, FoxNews

November 5, 2008

Legislative Watch Bills in "Real Time"

The following article was written by Patricia Harless (R-Spring), and was included in the January 2009 Texas Star.

In an effort to make the legislative process more open and accessible to the public, the House and Senate have created programs that allow citizens to track legislation, monitor committee hearings and watch either chamber as they meet in daily session on the House and Senate Floors. All of this can be found by visiting the website set up for the legislature: www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Searches

If you are looking for a particular piece of legislation, you can search for it based on the Bill number or, if you don't have that, a key word or phrase. The "Additional Searches" section of website provides links to a variety of areas that can be affected by legislation. Some of those include: Amendments to bills, Texas Statutes, the Constitution and Administrative Code. This section also allows a person to look at any Record Vote taken in either the House or Senate.

Daily Legislative Sessions and Committee Hearings

To watch the House or Senate in Session, or to view a Committee hearing, simply choose the Chamber you are interested in by clicking the "Video Broadcasts" link in the Legislative Activity section located on the right hand side of the Homepage. Broadcasts are in real-time and provide citizens with the opportunity to follow legislation that is being debated even if they are unable to be there in person.

My TLO

The "My TLO" section of the website provides citizens with a variety of resources that enable them to follow legislation and legislative activities. With an email address and password you can create custom Bill Tracking Lists and receive email alerts when there is any type of action taken on the bills on that list, view information on a PDA or cell phone, and save bill and text searches to be viewed later.

Using the above information, I want to give you more detailed instructions to help track legislation on topics of interest to you. For instance: To follow the "Voter ID" and "English as our official language" legislation:

1. Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us
2. Find the "My TLO" section on the home page. Click "Receive meeting and bill alerts".
3. Click on "New user" and fill out the information requested-email and password. An email will be sent to you, saying, "Click here to activate your account". When you do so, you can login.
4. You can then sign up for bill alerts that will notify you when any action is being taken on the Voter ID and/or the English as official language issue(s).
5. You are ready to accumulate data so you can contact your legislator at appropriate times before a vote. ★

Empower Texans and Texans for Fiscal Responsibility will be presenting a program on Taxpayer Issues in the 81st Legislative session

Monday, January 26, 2009

7:00 p.m. Social hour – meet & greet

7:30 p.m. Program

Where: Azalea Room, Fort Worth Botanic Garden

(On the west side of University Blvd.
about ¼ mile north of I-30)

There is no charge for either the reception or the program



YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



U.S. Senator John Cornyn

<http://cornyn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm>

Washington Office: 202-224-2934 202-224-2856 (FAX)

Dallas Office: 972-239-1310 972-239-2110 (FAX)

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson

www.senate.gov/~hutchinson/contact.html

Washington Office: 202-224-5922 202-224-0776 (FAX)

Dallas Office: 214-361-3500 214-361-3502 (FAX)

Rep. Kay Granger

www.kaygranger.house.gov/index.asp

Washington Office: 202-224-5071 202-224-5683 (FAX)

Fort Worth Office: 817-338-0909 817-335-5852 (FAX)

State Rep. Phil King

www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist61/king.htm

Weatherford Office: 817-596-8100 817-596-8375 (FAX)

Senator Craig Estes

www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist30/dist30.htm

Austin Office: 512-463-0130 512-463-8874 (FAX)

N. Texas Office: 940-898-0331 940-898-0926 (FAX)

The Texas legislative session begins January 13.

U.S. congressional news:

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/>

Quarterly Quiz

I hope you enjoy this new feature of the *Lone Star Legacy* newsletter. Each quarter we'll have a quiz contest to test our knowledge on a variety of political/government/historical topics. If you'd like to participate, get your answers to me by noon on January 27, 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 lunch out in Weatherford with your BLRWW newsletter editor (that's me) and other BLRWW officers. 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 and the crossword on page 7 will be published in next month's *Lone Star Legacy*, along with the winners to this month's Quarterly Quiz. Printed copies of this quiz and the crossword on page 7 will be available at the monthly meeting at Railhead on January 15. I'll be glad to mail you printed copies as well; just call me at 817-980-7620. Good luck!

- Karen Brasovan

1. There are ____ counties in the state of Texas.
 - a. 254
 - b. 1,171
 - c. 435
 - d. 154
2. Geographically, the largest Texas county is _____.
 - a. Brewster
 - b. Rockwall
 - c. Harris
 - d. Loving
3. In terms of population, the largest Texas county is:
 - a. Brewster
 - b. Rockwall
 - c. Harris
 - d. Loving
4. The legislative/executive body of county government in charge of setting the tax rate, administering election procedures, and maintaining roads and bridges, among other duties is:
 - a. Texas Association of Counties
 - b. county court at law
 - c. commissioners Court
 - d. municipal court
5. Which jurisdictions were established as administrative arms of the state of Texas, and constitutionally must have all the same framework of government?
 - a. counties
 - b. municipalities
 - c. special districts
 - d. school districts
6. Which office has limited budget-making powers, but presides over the commissioners court, and is elected to a four-year term in a countywide election?
 - a. county attorney
 - b. county judge
 - c. county tax assessor/collector
 - d. county clerk
7. Enables a city with a population of more than 5,000 to adopt and revise a "local constitution" without returning to the legislature for a revision in law or an amendment to the Texas Constitution, further enhancing community power to design its own form of government:
 - a. general law city charter
 - b. special act
 - c. home rule charter
 - d. advisory charter
8. In this form of municipal government, the formal powers given to the mayor by the city charter may include the ability to hire and fire several key department executives, and a great deal of control over the city budget.
 - a. strong mayor-council form of government
 - b. council-manager form of government
 - c. weak mayor-council form of government
 - d. commission form of government
9. The most common form of municipal government in Texas, in which municipal government is established based on longstanding statutory laws, is the:
 - a. general city law
 - b. council-manager form of government
 - c. home rule city
 - d. commission form of government
10. Which type of government lacks the ability to exert influence on the zoning and use of land just outside its boundaries?

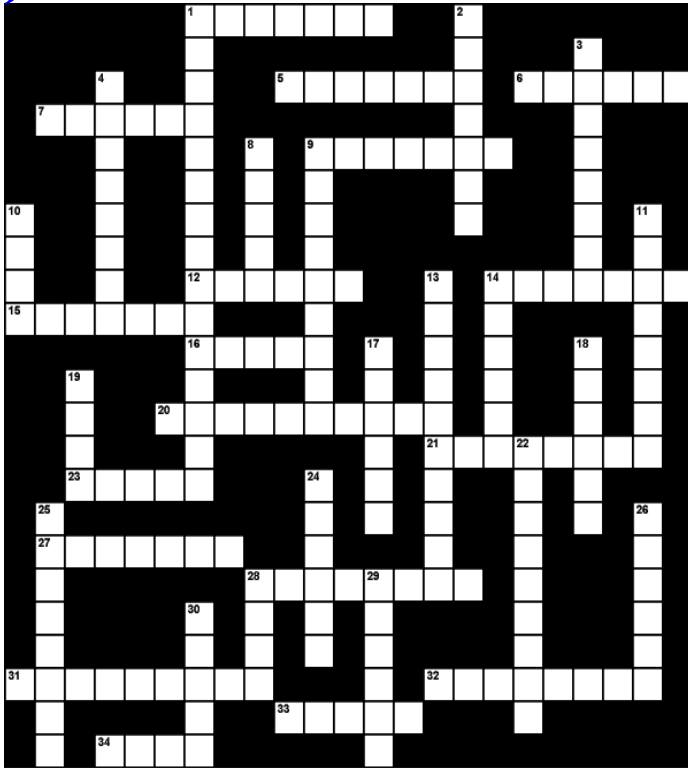
county municipal
11. Which form of government are general law cities more likely to use:
 - a. strong mayor-council form of government
 - b. council-manager form of government
 - c. commission form of government
 - d. weak mayor-council form of government
12. The need for special districts in Texas is due in large part to the limitations on city and county governments, such as the constitutional limitations on taxing authority.

True False
13. Home rule cities in Texas have greater freedom in the organization and function of city government than general law cities.

True False
14. Every county in Texas, regardless of its size, is politically subdivided into four precincts.

True False

Just for Fun



Across

1. He was the first president to be impeached and was acquitted in the Senate by just one vote; the only president not to have any type of schooling
5. He was president during the War of 1812 which his critics named HIS war; both of his vice presidents died in office
6. He was the oldest man elected president; he appointed the first woman to the supreme court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
7. He made the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which led to the end of World War II; he approved the creation of NATO
9. He survived the first attempt to assassinate a president; the first president to ride on a railroad train, the first to be born in a log cabin and the first president to be nominated by a political party
12. During his term, the Panama Canal treaties and the Camp David Accord were signed; defeated in 1981
14. While in office, he was the first president to visit both Alaska and Canada; 29th President
15. He received the Pulitzer Prize for his book, "Profiles in Courage."; served exactly 1,000 days in office
16. He was the first president to live in the White House - then referred to as the Executive Mansion; died July 4, 1826, the same day as his friend and political rival Thomas Jefferson
20. The only president to be elected unanimously; never lived in DC, though was interested in the city's construction and brought property in DC
21. He served one month, the shortest term of any president."
23. He ended Reconstruction and withdrew federal troops from the South

27. He was the second president to be impeached; he was elected Governor of Arkansas for five terms
28. He signed the Compromise Measure of 1850, which included the Fugitive Slave Act
31. He is the only president to have been elected to two non-consecutive terms; during his term, the Statue of Liberty was unveiled in New York Harbor
32. He was president when Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs; 30th President
33. He is the only president to have resigned; the SALT agreement passed while he was in the White House
34. He was the first president to have a presidential car; he was the first president to go to the Supreme Court after his presidency

Down

1. He is the first president whose father was also president; at the time of his inauguration, all of the former presidents except for Washington were still alive (3 words)
2. He was the first president to be assassinated. he was shot five days after the end of the Civil War
3. On September 19, 1881, after only serving a few months in office, he became the second president to be assassinated; he was the last president born in a log cabin
4. He was the only president never to be married; during his term, the Confederate States of America declared their independence
8. He was the first president to be widowed and re-married; he was nicknamed "His Accidency," due to the way in which he assumed office
9. He wanted to be remembered not for his Presidency but for the roles he played in the creation of the Declaration of Independence, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom and the University of Virginia
10. He was president during the California gold rush; he helped settle the Northwest boundary of the United States
11. He was the first president born as a United States citizen; 8th President (2 words)
13. He was the allied commander of the D-Day invasion; he was responsible for the creation of NASA
14. During his term as President, Adolph Hitler came into power, and he was president during the 1929 Stock Market Crash
17. He dedicated the Washington Monument on February 21, 1885; 21st President
18. While he was in office, the United States fought in World War I, despite his campaigning against it; awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to world peace
19. He presided over the American invasion of Panama and his son will become the 43rd U.S. President
22. He was the first president to win the Nobel Peace Prize; he was awarded it for the Russo-Japanese Treaty
24. His nickname was "Old Rough and Ready," due to his slovenly dress; 12th President 3/5/1849 - 7/9/1850
25. During his term, the United States was involved in the Spanish-American War; 25th President; assassinated in 1901
26. He was the first president to memorize his inaugural address and recite it from memory; 14th President,
28. He issued Richard Nixon a presidential pardon in 1974; he gave amnesty to Vietnam War resisters
29. He agreed to purchase Florida from Spain in 1819; in the 1820 election, he received all but one vote from the electoral college
30. Even though he had throat cancer, he finished his memoirs and had them published with the help of Mark Twain; 18th President, 3/4/1869 - 3/3/1877

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 Dottie Worthington 817-594-0291



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. Mr. Other Title _____
(REQUIRED)

Member Occupation: _____

() Name: _____

_____ Regular Membership is \$100.00

() Address: _____

_____ Dual Membership \$90.00

() City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Club: _____

() Home Phone: _____

_____ Associate Membership \$90.00
(Republican men, spouse, etc.)

() Cell Phone: _____

() Husband's Name: _____

() Work Phone: _____

Birthday: Month _____ / Day _____

() Email: _____

Voting Precinct Number: _____

Make A Difference! Join A Committee.

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

____ Yes, contact me regarding the following BLRWW activities

IT'S NOT THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP,

___ Awards ___ Campaign Activities ___ Hospitality

IT'S THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

___ Peach Festival ___ Voter Registration

Other: _____

Single mother's and Widow's \$55 Young Republicans \$35 Young affiliate (under 18) \$25

Elected Officials \$35

Make Checks Payable to: (NO CORP CHECKS) BUSH LEGACY REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WEATHERFORD, PAC Dottie Worthington, VP MEMBERSHIP, 1701 Santa Fe., WEATHERFORD, TX 76086 817-594-0291 Email: dottie@worthington.bz