

Lone Star ★ LEGACY

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Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford

From the President...

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931

What a profound little paragraph! Some in our nation may be clinging to the idea of receiving without working, but I don't think that is particularly true of the people in Parker County, Texas! We are blessed with lots of folks that continue to work hard to provide for themselves and their families, to make Parker County a better place to live, work and go to school, to stand strong in their conservative values and to communicate those values to those in authority. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to communicate their values by participating in the TEA party in April. And thank you to those of you who have called or written the President, the U.S. Senators and Representatives, and our State Senators and Representatives to voice your concerns and opinions on so many important issues of late.

And, speaking of hard working people, I want to take an opportunity to applaud and encourage all of our elected and appointed officials in Parker County! We all appreciate the sacrifices you make to serve us. Please know that we pray for you and your families, and are grateful for your service.

Sixteen members from Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford (BLRWW) attended the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) "Legislative Day" in Austin on April 16. Our Senate District (SD) 30 had the most clubs (43) in attendance, while BLRWW had the most members (16) in attendance in SD 30. We enjoyed touring the State Capitol, and visiting the offices of Sen. Craig Estes and Rep. Phil King. We made our way to the House gallery, where we were recognized from the floor. It was truly a sea of "red" in the House! We then attended a luncheon and enjoyed the

TFRW Legislative Day



company of our own Rep. King. We heard a panel of different speakers, including Roger Williams, Gov. Rick Perry, Kay Bailey Hutchison and others. TFRW provided workshop sessions, which are always informative and educational. It was a great day in Austin! Thanks to everyone who made the effort and sacrifice of their time to attend the Legislative Day.

We are now looking ahead with excitement to the TFRW Convention planned for November 13-15, 2009, on Galveston Island! For more information, visit www.tfrw.org. ★

Judy Flanagan, President

TFRW Legislative Day in Austin: Front Row, L to R: Elyse Carter, Judy Flanagan, Judy Molenburg and Robyn Gentry **Second Row, L to R:** Jan Barton and Zan Prince **Third Row, L to R:** Pat Marin and Evon Markum **Back, L to R:** Brooke Worthington and Dottie Worthington

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



- May 4** BLRWW Board Meeting
- May 7** Parker County Republican Party meeting
- May 21** 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. The program begins at noon. *No RSVP is required*. Visit www.railheadbbq.net for directions/ menu.
- May 30** Women in the Outdoors at the Sweeney Ranch in Weatherford. Contact Dottie Worthington at 817-594-0291 to sign up.
- **June 27** Our fund raiser for this date will need to be moved to a different night. Check future newsletters and www.blrww.com for more information.

Be sure to congratulate Dr. Brandi Buckner the next time you see her! She was recently appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

Legislative One Young Republican's TEA Party Experience

Well, I could not have been more pleased with the turnout yesterday for the Weatherford TEA Party. The police estimated about 850 people at the peak of the event. Official estimates provided to QXFM 89.5 by the Weatherford Police Department put the final number between 1,200 and 1,500 people in attendance. People started arriving about an hour before the event and stood around talking about issues, handing out flyers and grabbing signs to carry. By the 4:00 p.m. start time, a decent-sized crowd had gathered near the speaking platform. American and Texas flags covered the crowd in a sea of red, white and blue. Signs were held aloft proclaiming a wide variety of slogans all aimed at the same message: we are fed up.

The most encouraging thing to see was the diversity of ages in attendance. There were children waving flags and holding signs in the midst of teenagers and young adults cheering on the speakers. The range of adults in attendance stretched from college students just starting on their taxpaying journey to people way into their retirement ages. I even witnessed a blind woman brave the danger of walking in a public street, cane outstretched feeling the way in front of her, just so that her voice would be heard as well. We had a wonderful showing of veterans and even a couple of full uniform military personnel showed up, even though they are not supposed to appear in uniform at events such as these. I, for one, was honored to have them there. Just after 4:00 p.m. we began our march. We started off on a small street near the assembly area and marched towards the courthouse square.

Many people stood waiting for us to walk by. They waited on their front porches, at street corners and in front of businesses along the route. Almost off all of them were cheering the rally on, some waving signs and banners of their own. After a few minutes, we had reached South Main St. and turned our march north towards the courthouse. They had shut down the outside lane of traffic for the march, and as vehicles passed they shouted out measures of support and honked their horns as they passed us by. The march line stretched out over several city blocks and finally wove its way back to the original assembly grounds where, after the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem and a short prayer, we listened to people speak about the issues.

The young and vibrant J.J. Williams and the colonial clad Judge Mark Riley were the highlights for me. I was glad to have Ms. Williams speaking at the event to show all the young people in attendance that this was their issue, too. She seemed to really connect with some of the teenagers in the crowd when she was speaking. Judge Riley in particular delivered a powerful speech that excited and energized the crowd, spurning shouts of agreement and the occasional, "Hell no!"

Members of the Parker County Young Republicans canvassed the event, speaking directly to those who came to protest and signing people up for our mailing list. It is our sincere hope that we can build upon the energy displayed at the TEA Party and turn it into a political force, not just simply for change, but for reformation of this nation. I am sure there will be more events and other times in the future where the American people must stand together and demand that the government heed our call.

I was pleased to see the massive turnout of protestors all across this nation, most of whom were average, everyday people from all walks of life and all political affiliations. I was also thrilled with the Governor of the great State of Texas, Rick Perry, as he attended several TEA parties himself and sent a clear, concise message to the Federal government. Texans are a proud people who remember the cost of freedom and we will take no more of this. ★



Top Photo: Standing, L to R: Don Markum and Bob Estes; seated (and registering voters) is Carolyn Estes. **Bottom photo:** "Our right-wing possible terrorist" Sue Melton.

Dax Morgan

Dax Morgan is the Communications Officer for the Parker County Young Republicans (PCYR), and was one of the Weatherford TEA Party's early supporters. He actively promotes PCYR, and maintains the group's web site at www.pcyr.us. PCYR is open to those ages 18-40 who want to become more involved in local, state and national politics. Contact Dax at dax.morgan@charter.net or Mike Brasovan at 817-301-2871 for more information about joining PCYR.

Hospitality How Important Is Jury Duty?

Judge Graham Quisenberry, District 415 Judge, will be sharing at BLRWW's monthly meeting May 21 on something that's often not very popular with many registered voters (unless they're searching for an excuse to get out of it): jury duty.

Judge Quisenberry received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M and his law degree from St. Mary's University. He has served in this capacity since 1995. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, a fellow of the College of the State Bar of Texas, and a sustaining life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Judge Quisenberry is also immediate past president of the Texas Association of County Court at Law Judges. ★

Meeting Minutes

Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford, April 30, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford was called to order at 12:07 p.m., by President Judy Flanagin.

Jeanne Brunson gave the invocation. Pledge to the American Flag was led by Commissioner John Roth, and the pledge to the Texas State Flag was lead by Joan Shaw.

President Flanagin welcomed and recognized the elected officers of the club, the elected officials, new members and guests.

Joan Shaw introduced our speaker, Scott Moran.

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

Zan Prince made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the April Newsletter. Dr. Brandi Buckner seconded and it was voted to approve the motions.

Robin Gentry gave the Treasurer report, and announced that the balance in the operating account as of April 30, 2009, is \$8,224.03. The report was accepted and approved for filing.

Under Membership, Dottie Worthington announced we had three new members. She encouraged all members to continue to bring guests and encouraged the guests to become members.

Campaign and PR chair, Dr. Brandi Buckner, asked that anyone that has not turned in their volunteer hours to do so ASAP.

Finance chair, Elyse Carter, reported that the fund raiser for June 27 will need to be changed to a different night. She will make sure the new date appears in the May Newsletter. She also has requested more volunteers.

Bylaws & Legislation Chair, Carolyn Estes, left information out on the tables and brought us up to date on several issues that we should get involved in by writing letters and making phone calls.

Hospitality Chair, Dodie Jordan, reported that we had approximately 25 members and 14 guests.

Newsletter – Karen Brasovan was absent and a report was not given.

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

Under Announcements, President Judy Flanagin announced DS30 had the most clubs (43) attend the TFRW Legislative Day, and BLRWW had the most members in attendance (16). Zan Prince announced the following: (a) Next BLRWW Board Meeting, Monday, May 4, 2009. (b) Parker County Republican Women meeting, Thursday, May 14, 2009. (c) Next BLRWW Meeting, Thursday May 21, 2009. (e) Go and Vote.

There were three door prizes donated by Patsy Perkins from her Washington trip. The door prize tickets were drawn and the winners were presented the prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m. ★

Subscribed by Pat Martin, Secretary

Support Our Troops

This is a poem sent from a Marine to his Dad; you'll also see a letter from him at the end. It makes you truly thankful for ALL of our troops. You can read other works by Corporal (now Sergeant) Aaron M. Gilbert, as well as other veterans, at www.iwvpa.net, the International War Veterans' Poetry Archives. Thank you to Carolyn Estes for sharing this.

The Marine

We all came together, Both young and old
To fight for our freedom, To stand and be bold.

In the midst of all evil, We stand our ground,
And we protect our country From all terror around.

Peace and not war, Is what some people say.
But I'll give my life, So you can live the American way.

I give you the right To talk of your peace.
To stand in your groups, and protest in our streets.

But still I fight on, I don't bitch, I don't whine.
I'm just one of the people Who is doing your time.

I'm harder than nails, Stronger than any machine.
I'm the immortal soldier, I'm a U.S. MARINE

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So stand in my shoes, And leave from your home.
Fight for the people who hate you, With the protests they've shown.

Fight for the stranger, Fight for the young.
So they all may have, The greatest freedom you've won.

Fight for the sick, Fight for the poor.
Fight for the cripple, Who lives next door.

But when your time comes, Do what I've done.
For if you stand up for freedom, You'll stand when the fight's done.

*Corporal Aaron M. Gilbert, U.S. Marine Corps,
USS Saipan, Persian Gulf*

Hey Dad,
Do me a favor and label this "The Marine" and send it to everybody on your email list. Even leave this letter in it. I want this rolling all over the US; I want every home reading it. Every eye seeing it. And every heart to feel it. So can you please send this for me? I would but my email time isn't that long and I don't have much time anyway.

You know what Dad? I wondered what it would be like to truly understand what JFK said in His inaugural speech. "When the time comes to lay down my life for my country, I do not cower from this responsibility. I welcome it." Well, now I know. And I do. Dad, I welcome the opportunity to do what I do. Even though I have left behind a beautiful wife, and I will miss the birth of our first born child, I would do it 70 times over to fight for the place that God has made for my home. I love you all and I miss you very much. I wish I could be there when my wife has our baby, but tell her that I love her, and Lord willing, I will be coming home soon. Give Mom a great big hug from me and give one to yourself too.

Aaron

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Due to email issues the past several, the Quarterly Quiz contest has been extended until May 30. If you submitted your entry via email, please resend to karen@thgsolutions.com. You can also submit via phone at 817-301-2873. The prize this month (privately donated at no cost to BLRWW) is a \$30 gift card to Barnes and Noble Booksellers.



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