



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



***Pam Meyercord with Janet Huckabee
at TFRW Convention***

One of my last duties as President was to represent our club at the TFRW convention in Lubbock last week. Nancy Natinsky also served as a delegate. We took care of TFRW business, heard great speakers, ate a lot of good food and heard from a long list of distinguished Republican leaders. Governor Greg Abbott, Speaker Joe Strauss, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, RPT Chairman Tom Mechler, Justice Eva Guzman, Justice Debra Lehrmann, Comptroller Glenn Hager, and Attorney General Ken Paxton were among the many who brought greetings. Representatives Linda Koop and Jason Villalba also spoke. Senator John Cornyn installed the new officers. Janet Huckabee was our very inspiring speaker for our awards banquet and Senator Ted Cruz addressed one session. It was an impressive line-up of Republican super stars!

Theresa Kosmoski from Village RW in Houston will be the new TFRW President. I will serve another term as Parliamentarian.

We have the privilege to hear Representative Pete Sessions bring the news from Washington at our next meeting. Make sure you attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a guest and get them involved.

2016 will be a busy year with the Republican Party of Texas convention here in May and the other activities that occur during a Presidential election year. We need everyone to be involved. Republican women are vital to our party and to the future of our nation.

Pam Meyercord

**TO ALL NRW MEMBERS
Please join us**

**NRW GENERAL MEETING
Monday, November 23, 2015**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Social
10:00 a.m. Program**

**Place: Fretz Park Recreation Center
Corner of Belt Line & Hillcrest**

Speaker – Congressman Pete Sessions

INVITE A FRIEND

October is National Literacy Month NRW Makes Book Selections for Donation

Under the direction of NRW Literacy Chair, Barbara Vaughan, the Northwood Republican Women's Club has again assembled a stellar selection of books to be presented to an elementary school. This year the books were presented October 28th by Pam Meyercord, Pat Reid and Barbara Vaughan to Oinette Flake, Library Media Specialist, at the George H. W. Bush Elementary School located in Addison.

The books shown above include the following titles:

Who is Bill Gates by Patricia Brennan Demuth

Who was Steve Jobs by Pam Pollack and Meg Belvisn

Biography – Helen Keller by Leslie Garrett

History's All-Stars – Martin Luther King Jr. by Dharathula H. Millender

History's All Stars – Rosa Parks by Kathleen Kudlinski

Biography – Mother Teresa by Maya Gold

Who was Ronald Reagan by Joyce Milton

Rush Revere and the American Revolution by Rush Limbaugh

In addition, NRW donated 24 copies of "A Student's Dictionary" which is designed especially for the elementary school-age student. After a tour of the school, the committee was definitely impressed.



MEET PETE SESSIONS

A conservative community leader, United States Congressman Pete Sessions has combined hard work, innovative thinking, and common-sense principles to successfully represent the 32nd Congressional District of Texas.

Congressman Pete Sessions is the Chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee and is a member of the House Republican Leadership Team.

A native Texan, Sessions was first elected to Congress in 1996, and he currently represents the 32nd Congressional District of Texas. His

Congressional priorities include advancing pro-growth, job-creation economic policies that will help American families and businesses earn and invest. As the father of a young man with Down syndrome,

Chairman Sessions is a passionate advocate in Congress for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Chairman Sessions lives in Dallas, Texas, and is active in his community. He is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association's National Committee.

Serves on the Executive Board of the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is an Advisor to the President of Special Olympics Texas.



Legislative Report

Carey Austin, Chairman

The Heritage Foundation has published a great amount of information on our government spending and debt. There are several things that we should keep "top of mind" as we listen to our candidates as they prioritize our problems.

One of our top issues, that no one seems to want to address, is our fiscal house. And it is a mess. Not only can we NOT pay our bills today, we are NOT paying down any of the debt we are accumulating. We are merely paying the interest ONLY on our debt. We just roll it over, and issue more.

Revenues have recovered to historical means of roughly 17.5% of GDP (or the total amount of income-goods and services- produced in the US) We have historically spent about 2% more than we have taken in. This 2% is easily erased by inflation, and has never "hurt" us- but should be under control, and paid down.

Our own George Bush did us no favors increasing the debt

What hurts is that only a few people are paying taxes, while too many people are receiving benefits.

Additionally, the cost of those benefits are extremely high, as they are delivered through expensive, bloated government programs, where much of the money goes to government workers who administer the programs, as well as their juicy government benefits

That leaves us and our grandchildren in a deplorable debt situation. A child born this year came into the world \$41,000 in debt. By the time he is 24, he will be saddled with \$142,000 in debt. This can only be reversed by MAJOR entitlement spending decreases. If the government were a household, each and every household would be putting \$9000 on a credit card every year, while already having debt of \$311,000 on and income of \$52,000. Clearly, the numbers just don't work.

Why hit entitlements and not military spending? Entitlements and the interest on the debt to pay for them today consume 70% of our total budget. National security spending is roughly 17%, and is shrinking, and military spending is less than that, as this includes Homeland Security, FBI, CIA, NSA and other non service security agencies. Actual military spending averages only 5% and Obama proposed it to go to 2.3% over the next several years – the lowest since just after WWI.

According to "The Debt Calendar", 49.8% of all Americans receive some sort of aid or benefit from the Federal Government. One of every 2 people is a "taker" not a "giver" to the system. This is clearly unsustainable.

We need politicians in Washington who are Statesmen, not there to buy votes with our tax dollars

For more information, visit the following web-site.
<http://www.heritage.org/federalbudget/federal-spending>

2016 NRW Officers

The following officers will lead NRW for the important 2016 election year:

President – Jan Folmar

1st VP, Programs – Janet Clesi

2nd VP, Campaigns – Brenda Gaustad

3rd VP, Membership – Mary Jean Hooper

Treasurer – Pam Meyercord

Secretary – Mary Darelius

Newsletter – Mary McElvany

Hospitality – Pat Byrd

Legislative Chair – Donna Starnes

Literacy Chair – Charlene Boynton

Yearbook – Carol Smith

Parliamentarian – Kaye Smith

Telephone Chair – Barbara Vaughan

Fundraising – Nancy Natinsky

Special Events – Carey Austin

Awards – Maidee Hope

Webmaster – Carolee Blumin

A big **"THANK YOU"** goes to each and every one of you for agreeing to serve as a NRW officer this year. Members, look over the list, find a committee that interests you, call that chairman and volunteer to help.

NRW was founded in 1972, and has grown into the important club committed to Republican principles that it is today. NRW's main focus and goal remains three fold: educate and inform our membership; support and elect Republican candidates; and promote Republican Party philosophy.

Working together we can uphold our motto – **"We do make a difference."**

Anxious to get started helping the Republicans prepare for 2016?

Put your energy to good use and get more people involved in the fight! **Phone banking** at Dallas GOP HQ 10300 North Central Expressway Suite 345 Dallas, TX 75231. Every Tuesday at 5:00pm. Food provided. We are calling strong Republicans to get them involved. More Republicans fired up and ready for 2016 means more people at the polls!

The DCCRW December Meeting will be our Annual Tea and Installation of Officers

Saturday, December 5, 3-5 pm. Cost will be \$10.00/person or complimentary for DCCRW Friends. See the DCCRW web-site for more information.