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## **KATHY'S KORNER**

### **These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read:**

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
5. 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 friend is the beginning of the end of any society.

These statements are not original and unfortunately I do not know to whom the credit should be given. However, they are well worth memorizing.

Kathy Jones  
President  
Star RW

**Star Republican Women General Meeting**  
**Meet Your 2012 Railroad Commissioner Candidates**  
**Tuesday, February 21st 12:30 pm at Quail Point**  
**A light lunch will be served.**

**To Star Republican Women:**

Thank you so much for your generous support for the K-cups for Valentine’s Day. We collected \$500.70 and sent 500 K-cups to one of the last helicopter squadrons in Iraq. I will use the remaining monies, (\$190.70) to buy containers for our next project to send cleaning supplies, paper goods, board games and children’s books to the Fort Hood USO. You are thoughtful and wonderful ladies and gentlemen. Many Thanks!

Ellen Hower  
Chairman for Caring for America

**MEMBER APPRECIATION MEETING**

STAR Republican Women (& Men): Our membership is now 131 regular members and 33 associate members. Total: 164 This is great news!

Remember, our February General Meeting is our *Member Appreciation Meeting* and a good time for you to bring your friends to become members of Star Republican Women.

We want you and your new member friends to help us take back our country and we are all a part of that solution! We are the GRASSROOTS! We can make a difference - one woman (and our associates) at a time! Let’s focus on our part to make a positive change to the path of our government’s direction. There is strength in numbers! Inform your friends why they should be part of our Star Republican Women.



Candidate for US Senate, Glenn Addison, with Jolene Hawkins, Alan Garrett, candidate for District Judge and Diana Moses SRW January meeting.



Thank you Dora Tweed and Pat McMurtrie for the delicious lunch at SRW’s January meeting. The table was beautiful with red, white and blue colors around a green ivy.

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### SUPPORT OUR RETURNING TROOPS

With the arrival of 6000 plus troops back to the states, the Fort Hood USO is in desperate need of cleaning supplies and paper goods. The supplies are used to keep the bacterial and viral levels down for both soldiers and the volunteers. The hand rails, keyboards and computer screens, utility and bathroom sinks and toilets are wiped down 15-20 times a day!

There will be containers at the February and March SRW's General Meetings to collect supplies. The Director of the Fort Hood USO, Robin Crouse, will come to our General Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, to pick up the supplies and report to us what the Fort Hood mission is.

The supplies that are needed are:

- Paper Towels
- Windex
- Kleenex
- Bleach
- Disposable Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Vinegar
- Clorox Wipes
- Lysol Wipes

Other items needed for programs for the troops are:

1. Family Game Night
  - A. Board Games for 4 – 16 year olds
  - B. Card Games
2. Me & Daddy – An USO Experience
  - A. X Box 360 Games geared to children
  - B. Board Games

Thank you so much for your support for our troops.

Ellen Hower

Chairman for Caring for America

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Dala Campbell, Ronda Holitzke, Elaine Keisling, Judy Landry, Kim Lookabaugh and Mary Mashburn.**

**And welcome new associate members:**

**Jerry Campbell, Madeleine Connor, Rachel Garrison, Jolene Hawkins, Jim Keisling, and Bill Stevens.**



#### FEBRURARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Ellen Hower
2	George Seckler
10	Madeleine Connor
12	Marilyn Greene
15	Tom Engler
16	Billye Fietz
19	Rella Oxley
20	Cheryll Mabray
21	Ronda Holitzke
27	Eleanor Lowry
28	Ronnie Rudd

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**STAR REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
General Meeting  
January 17, 2012  
Quail Point Lodge**

President Kathy Jones opened the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Kathy welcomed everyone and thanked Co-Hostesses Pat McMurtrie and Dora Tweed for coordinating the refreshments, with the help of Sandra Morehart and Sandi Becraft.

Chaplain Donna Steward gave the opening prayer and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Kathy invited the elected officials who were present to introduce themselves. Present were Ronnie Rudd, Llano County ISD President; Fermin Ortiz, Chairman of Llano County Republican Party; Cheryl Mabray, Llano County Attorney, who is running for re-election; and Justice of the Peace Richard Owen. Also introducing themselves were a number of candidates for office: Allan Garrett, candidate for District Judge; Peter Jones, Tom Engler, Clayton Leverett and Jerry Campbell, candidates to replace Johnnie Heck as Llano County Commissioner Precinct 1; Angela Dowdle and Sonny McAfee, candidates for the District Attorney position in the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 424<sup>th</sup> Districts; Brandie Hussion, candidate for Llano County Attorney; and Dave Garrison, candidate for U.S. Congress in District 25.

Kathy gave a special welcome to all the visitors present and encouraged them to become members of Star RW.

**Constitution Question for the Day:** What are the requirements for U.S. Senator? **Answer:** A Senator must be at least age 30, must be a citizen of the state in which he or she resides, and must have been a citizen for at least nine years.

Dora Tweed said that the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be our Membership Appreciation meeting. She passed around a sign-up sheet for refreshments for that meeting and a second one for refreshment providers for the rest of the year.

**First VP – Programs Marion Gardner** introduced our speakers, four candidates for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison: Lela Pittenger of Dripping Springs, Tom Leppert of Dallas, Charles Holcomb of Wimberley and Glenn Addison of Magnolia. They told us of their plans for governing if they are elected. (Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former State of Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz were unable to attend.)

Kathy asked if there were any questions or comments about the November 15, 2011 minutes, which were published in the Newsletter. There being none, the minutes will stand as posted.

Kathy next advised that the Treasurer's Report will stand as posted.

**Second VP - Membership Donna Stevens** reported that we now have a membership of 117 regular members and 28 associates. She asked us to encourage our friends to become involved and, particularly, to attend our February Member Appreciation meeting.

**Caring for America Chairman Ellen Hower** requested donations for Ft. Hood USO projects: K cups for a helicopter squadron still in Iraq and cleaning supplies needed as a result of the great numbers of troops who are returning to Ft. Hood from overseas deployment. The Ft. Hood USO Director will be at our April meeting to pick up the cleaning supplies and make a brief talk.

Kathy advised that we have invited candidates for the Texas RR Commission to speak at our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Fermin Ortiz, Llano County Republican Chairman**, spoke briefly. He said that there will be a fundraiser and debate by local candidates at 6:00 p.m. on February 28 at the Kingsland Community Center.

Jolene Hawkins, of the Highland Lakes Republican Women, announced that February 11 is the date of their Lincoln Day event, to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Kingsland Community Center. Republican Party of Texas National Committeewoman Borah Van Dormolen will speak.

**Announcements:**

February 3 TFRW Fundraiser – Special Evening with Karen Hughes

The Sheraton at the Capitol

February 3 TFRW Board of Directors Meeting at the Sheraton

February 4 TFRW 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Leadership Day at the Sheraton

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Camille Bigham

Recording Secretary

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**BECKY BERGER CANDIDATE  
FOR  
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER**

Becky Berger is a professional geologist with over two decades of experience in geology, mining, oil & gas prospecting and development, well site Geologist, mud logger, oil & gas data analysis, expert witness in civil court cases, and field chemistry. She has industry experience both domestically and internationally.

Becky has worked on all sides of the energy industry from managing and advising billions of dollars in energy investments and assets, handling acquisitions and divestitures to beginning her career in the oil fields as processing plant roustabout and pipeline field hand.

She is the only candidate educated, trained and experienced in all aspects of the energy industry. Her upstream knowledge is needed on the Railroad Commission. Becky has worked on the free enterprise side of the energy industry but has dealt with government regulation in every area. She has worked at the local, state and federal level. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology with minors in Engineering and Economics from the University of Oklahoma. She has put that training and education to work during her entire professional career.

A lifelong Republican, Becky currently serves on:

State Republican Executive Committeewoman from Senate District 18 elected in 2010; serves as Vice-Chairman 2012 Convention Committee; member of the Candidate Resource Committee; Texas Federation of Republican Women

District Director from Senate District 18 appointed in 2008 elected 2009 and re-elected 2011; served on the budget and special events committees.

Previous service to the Republican Party and TFRW includes:

Multi-time Delegate to the Republican State Convention

Election Judge

Precinct Chair

Treasurer of the Fayette County Republican Party

Vice President Programs and Fundraising for Fayette County Republican Women

FCRW Legislative Chair

Becky Berger has always been involved in her local community with numerous local activities and causes: conducting voter registration, promoting girl's competitive basketball, teaching Sunday School and has been a Little League softball coach.

Married to David Berger. Becky is the proud mother of three grown children: Adam, Sacha & Julie.

They are members of Temple Israel and St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Schulenburg.

The Berger's operate a ranch outside of Schulenburg, Texas where they raise cattle.



**CHRISTI CRADDICK CANDIDATE  
FOR  
RAILROAD COMMISSION**

Christi Craddick is a Republican candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission.

Christi knows the importance of an energy policy that promotes growth in the industry, the need for continued development of new energy sources, and the significance of controlling government spending to ensure the Texas economy remains prosperous.

A native of Midland, Christi is a small business owner and attorney specializing in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy. Craddick also currently serves as president of a grassroots advocacy firm specializing in coalition building in the public policy arena and development and implementation of issue strategies. Craddick served as the chief political and legal advisor to the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Tom Craddick from 2002-2011. He was the first Republican Speaker in over 100 years. A longtime conservative activist, Christi worked to elect the first Republican majority in the Texas House of Representatives since Reconstruction. In 1994-95, Craddick clerked at the law firm of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., formerly Small, Craig & Werkinthin, where she specialized in agricultural, electric deregulation, environmental and tax issues.

In 1994, she worked in the legal department of the Railroad Commission of Texas and at the Third Court of Appeals. Craddick also clerked at the law firms of Scott Douglas & McConnico in Austin and Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson in Midland in 1993. In 1991, she served on the staff of U.S. Congressman Joe Barton. A lifelong Republican, Christi has been selected as a Delegate for several Republican Party of Texas state conventions.

Christi is a member of the State Bar of Texas and earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of St. Austin's Catholic Church and resides in Austin. Christi will stand against Washington's misguided energy policies that threaten Texas jobs and our nation's energy security. She believes that producing more of the energy we need here at home with the right government policies will turn out more jobs that can help us grow our economy and produce substantial new revenues for Texas.

*For more information, log on to [www.ChristiCraddick.com](http://www.ChristiCraddick.com)*



## WARREN CHISUM CANDIDATE FOR RAILROAD COMMISSION

Warren Chisum was elected to the Texas Legislature in November 1988. He is presently serving his 12th term with the support and encouragement of his wife of over 50 years, Omega Chisum.

Representative Chisum represents House District 88, which includes nineteen counties located in the Texas Panhandle. For the 81st legislative session Representative Chisum was appointed Vice-Chair of the Environmental Regulation Committee, a committee he previously chaired for 10 years. He also serves on the Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee. During the 80th legislative session, he served as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee as well as serving on the Energy Resources Committee.

Representative Chisum is a founding member and President of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, a not-for-profit entity which acts as a source of legislative policy information for the public. Additionally, he served three years as president of the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC), and now serves on the Board of Directors. TCC is a non-partisan organization of over 95 state legislators who work together to uphold the principles of limited government, free enterprise, individual liberties and traditional family values.

Outside of the state, Representative Chisum is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which is a national research organization whose bipartisan membership is comprised of state legislators. In addition to ALEC, Representative Chisum is a member of NCSL, the National Conference of State Legislators, where he was the past Chairman of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Representative Chisum is an active member in Energy Council, an organization of legislators from ten energy-producing states, who address energy and environmental policy issues. He has most recently served on Energy Council's Executive Committee. Representative Chisum has been honored with many prestigious awards during his legislative tenure. In 2003 he received the Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business. In 2008 he was named Champion of Border Security by the Texas border Sheriff's Coalition, and in 2009 the Texans For Fiscal Responsibility named him Texas Taxpayers Champion.

Representative Chisum was born in 1938 in Miami, Texas, and graduated from Lefors High School in 1957. He and Omega have two married children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Representative Chisum is a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa, the Gray County Christian Coalition, and the Pampa Masonic Lodge. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Dormitory at the University of Texas at Austin. He is also a past president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. He is currently owner of Omega Energy and Wolf Creek Exploration Company which are oil and gas production and exploration companies. Representative Chisum also operates the Chisum Ranch in Roberts County.



Candidates for US Senate, Lela Pittenger, Tom Leppert and Glenn Addison with SRW President, Kathy Jones at the SRW January General Meeting.

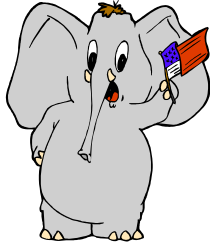


SRW President Kathy Jones with candidate for US Senate, Tom Leppert, SRW newsletter editor Sandra Thompson and Rocky Reese.



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**STAR REPUBLICAN WOMEN CALENDAR AND EVENTS**

Saturday, February 11th	HLRWC Annual Lincoln Day Dinner. 10:00 am Kingsland Community Center. Candidates for US Senate will be speakers, with Borah Van Dormolen moderator. \$20 per person. Call Louraine Robertson @ 830-598-6660 for tickets.
Tuesday, February 14th	SRW Board Meeting at Quail Point 9:30 am.
Tuesday, February 21st	SRW General Meeting at Quail Point 12:30 pm. <i>Membership Appreciation Meeting!</i> Invite a friend. Our speakers will be: Becky Berger, Warren Chisum, and Christi Craddick, candidates for Railroad Commissioner. A light lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome!
Tuesday March 6th	LCRC dinner meeting at <i>Inman's Kitchen</i> , Llano. Social meeting 6:00 pm. Dinner 6:45 pm. Christy Craddick & Becky Berger, candidates for Railroad Commissioner will speak. \$15.00 per person. Send check to Linda Raschke, Treasurer Box 1472, Kingsland, TX 78639.
Tuesday, April (date not determined)	Texas Primary . Vote 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Horseshoe Bay City Hall. <b>Precinct Convention 7:00 pm at the voting location.</b>
Saturday, April 14th (or) Saturday 21st	Senate, District and County Conventions. Llano Courthouse. (date is subject to change)
Thursday, May 17th and Friday, May 18th	TFRW Board Meeting, Austin, TX
Tuesday, June 5th	Run-off elections. (date is subject to change)
Thursday, June 7th - Saturday, June 9th	State Convention at Fort Worth Convention Center. (date is subject to change)
Monday, August 27th - 30th	Republican National Convention in Tampa Bay, FL. (date is subject to change)
Tuesday, November 6th	General Election Day.

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