



THE ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB



August, 2007 Edition
Since 1975

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ARC SPEAKERS

August 23

Tom Quinones, SREC SD12, will be our speaker this month. (See Meeting Info on page 3.) James Dark of the Texas State Rifle Association had an unfortunate scheduling conflict.



Monday, September 24

Everyone is invited to the beautiful Shady Valley Golf Club in Arlington on Monday, September 24, for the Second Annual Arlington Republican Club Golf Classic. See page 5 & 6 for more details.



September 27

Michael Q. Sullivan, president of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, to discuss strong and ethical fiscal stewardship within all levels of Texas government.

*Mark's Remarks,
August, 2007*



SCHIP= More Socialized Health Care

Hopefully, President Bush will veto the **State Children's Health Insurance Program** bill that just passed the U.S. House and Senate. This awful bill has gotten some publicity, and passed because some misguided House and Senate Republicans voted for it. SCHIP is presented as a health insurance program for poor children not eligible for Medicaid. It was started ten years ago as

a then small program to help that targeted demographic.

But like all programs in Washington, this has morphed into National Health Care Lite, and shows how no small welfare program remains small. The Democrat bill seeks to expand this \$35 billion program by as much as \$60 billion over five years. Using children in an emotional way, Liberal R's and D's use this program to push socialism. Anyone against SCHIP is against children and against health care. They must be evil, mean, rich Republican Conservatives who hate children!

The new bill defines "children" as anyone under 25, and "low income" as up to 400% above the poverty level, or \$82,600 for a family of four! There is no asset test to

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Melba McDow addresses Club members after being honored by State Rep. Bill Zedler, with a Texas House of Representatives Resolution signed by Speaker Tom Craddick. (See pages 5.)

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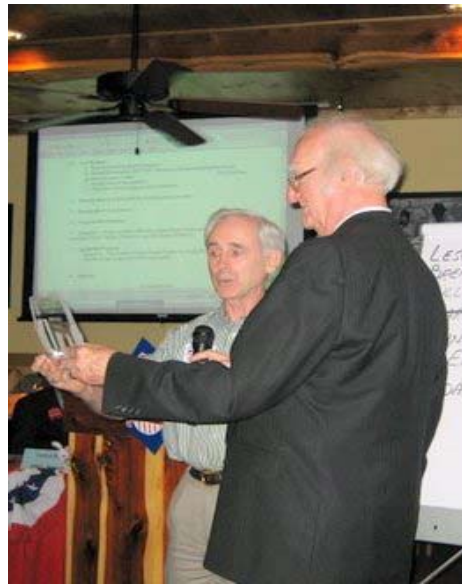


The ARC meets the 4th Thursday of every month, except November and December. Dues are \$25/person/year.

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James Cribbs received the Honorary Lifetime Membership from ARC Senior Advisor, Steve Hollern, at the July meeting.

August & September Birthdays

8/05 Skip Reynolds
8/07 Sherri Heinzmann
8/08 Scott Wisch
8/11 Leslie Recine
8/12 Mike Thomas
8/13 Bill McFadin
8/14 Lisa Callaghan
8/15 Anne Coker
8/16 Barbara Nash
8/17 Barbara Thompson
8/18 Dana Womack
8/19 Bill Zedler
8/23 Lynn Luke
8/26 Marjorie Moffitt
8/27 James Borchert
8/27 Norm Driscoll
8/27 Claire McKinley
8/29 Richard Grieser
8/30 Betty Canfield Holmes
8/30 Ned Patrick
9/11 Molly Jones
9/14 Mark Hanson
9/17 Kathryn Cosby
9/19 Skip Leake
9/23 Al Clark
9/24 Sharen Wilson
9/25 Clete McAlister

Welcome

New Members

J.W. Autem
Joe Poore
James Quick
Jonathan Salazar



DESPITE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, CLONERS AND EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCHERS "HIT ROAD-BLOCKS" IN MISSOURI.

The front page of the *New York Times* (8-10-07) exclaims the disappointment of zealous researchers and profiteers who used deceptive tactics to pass a state amendment to protect human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, but have yet to have their way in Missouri.

Oh, the disappointment! Jim and Virginia Stowers, who poured over \$30 million into passing the misleading amendment, put off building a new research facility; researchers, who are waiting for government grants, are reluctant to move into a turbulent political environment; a top state university, which has already started dabbling in embryonic stem cell research, lost \$85 million for a new research facility. Money bought a state constitutional amendment—but not victory. Nytimes.com, 8-10-07.



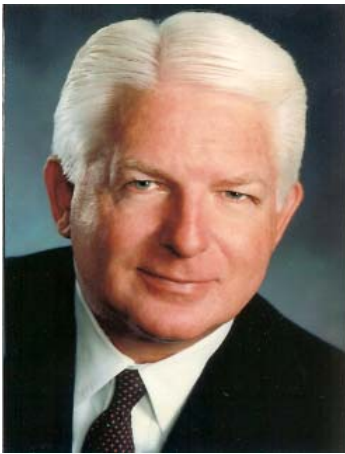
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**SHADY OAK
BARBEQUE & GRILL
1600 E. COPELAND RD.
ARLINGTON, TX**

August 23, 2007 General Meeting

If you want to eat at the restaurant, come early for dinner,
then attend the 7:00 PM meeting.

Tom Quinones, attorney,
and State Republican Executive Committeeman
for Senate District 12
will present: "2008: Issues or Personalities?"



Dear Arlington Republicans:

Since adjournment of the 80th Legislative Session, Janna and I have been catching up on time with family, friends and more importantly . . . grandkids. I hope this summer has provided time for you to do the same.

The legislature has adjourned from one of the busiest legislative sessions in recent memory and I am honored to report to you on our progress. Highlights included:

*The school property tax rate reduction from \$1.50 to \$1.00 was upheld.

*Senior homeowners will also receive this school tax rate reduction.

*Criminal penalties for sex offenders were dramatically stiffened.

*Increased funding for UTA and local schools was secured.

*Clear air and water supply initiatives were pursued.

*Electric and gas utility cost reductions were passed.

*Border security initiatives were passed.

*Funding for local traffic mobility was authorized.

*Private property owner rights were protected.

*Religious and individual freedoms were protected.

However, there remains work to be done. The interim period between legislative sessions will allow me to return to the district and remain focused on addressing issues with local leaders and citizens.

Soon legislative committees will meet in Austin and around the state to discuss issues and concerns to be

debated during the 81st Legislative Session. I welcome and encourage your comments and participation as we work together to ensure a bright future for all Texans.

Many of you have also been inquiring as to upcoming reelection. As you may have read in the local press, I have already drawn one of Hillary Clinton's top Tarrant County contributors as a potential Democrat opponent.

Let me just say this: Public service for me is a passion to protect our children, our community, and our conservative values. Please rest assured that I will take this election very seriously and will need your help in defending our values from the liberal tentacles of a Hillary Clinton wannabe.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I ever may be of assistance.

Best Regards,
Kim Brimer
State Senator - District 10



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



BILL JAMES

I was born in Fort Worth, TX. However, I was raised in Peaster, TX, and graduated from Peaster ISD. I served a four-year term in the US Army Security Agency, graduated from UTA with a BBA in Accounting, and am currently employed as a Sr. Shareholder/Tax Accountant with State National Companies in Fort Worth.

You could fairly and justifiably call my parents conservatives, but at the same time Yellow-dog Democrats, which certainly influenced my political views! After my tour in the Army I saw that the Democrat party was not following my beliefs. I can honestly say, with no regrets, that I voted for Richard Nixon and have never turned back. I hope I've spelled her name correctly and forgive me if not, but at the urging of Vi Bradel, I attended my very first precinct caucus and was eventually selected as an Alternate Delegate and went to my first Republican state convention. I currently serve as chair of precinct 2281 in north Arlington, and have the honor as serving as election judge for my precinct. By the way, a number of years back, I convinced my elderly mother that the Repub-

lican Party was where she needed to be and she now proudly proclaims her allegiance to the Republican Party.

I am married to Sandy Lester, an Arlington ISD math teacher. We attend Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and are involved with and officers for Advocates for Special People, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the Special Olympics and other activities for special needs people.

Mark's Remarks August, 2007

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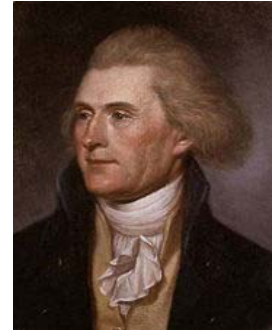
be eligible. This is clearly more than meant to help poor children! At this level of income, it crowds out private insurance.

SCHIP also eliminates \$50 billion in Medicare Advantage funding over the next five years. Medicare Advantage is a true Medicare program giving seniors more freedom for services that Medicare provides. For example, routine eye care and glasses and contacts are NOT covered under Medicare, but it is under some Medicare Advantage plans. Some of my patients really like this. The new SCHIP bill dramatically decreases plans like this, giving seniors less freedom of choice. And Liberals want freedom *from* choice.

Let's hope President Bush vetoes this program. At a minimum, he'll get credit from those of us who're upset at all the spending over the last few years, *and* stop the onward march of socialism.

Mark R Hanson, O.D., is an optometrist and VP in the Arlington Republican Club. He practices at Insight Vision in NW Arlington. He is also a precinct chairman in Precinct 2055.

Some Thoughts About Gun Control



"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

— [Thomas Jefferson](#)

"When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty."

— [Thomas Jefferson](#)

1. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.
2. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
3. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
4. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
5. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
6. The Second Amendment is in place in case the politicians ignore the others.
7. Only a government afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
8. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
9. Free men (and women!) do not ask permission to bear arms.
10. You have only the rights you are willing to fight for.
11. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.
12. Know guns, know peace, know safety. No guns, no peace, no safety.
13. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
14. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
15. Criminals love gun control; it makes their jobs safer.
16. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
17. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.



GOLF TOURNEY NEWS!

Everyone is invited to bring their Republican family, friends, and colleagues (sorry, no Liberals allowed!) to the beautiful Shady Valley Golf Club in Arlington on Monday September 24 for the Second Annual Arlington Republican Club Golf Classic.

Men and women golfers of all skill levels can have fun and compete for great prizes in our Florida scramble format. Teams will be handicapped and flighted so that everyone has an equal opportunity to win. If anyone is lucky enough to score a hole-in-one, they will be on their way to a free trip to the historic Pinehurst Golf Resort.

Non-golfers can join in the fun at a special 19th Hole Party with live background music provided by a Symphony Arlington artist. We will enjoy a country club casual dinner buffet and get to hear our guest speaker, conservative radio personality Gary McNamara opine on the upcoming elections.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, every dinner guest will get a terrific door prize.

Our special thanks go out to several key sponsors whose early contributions are helping to underwrite this event: Senator Kim Brimer, Representatives Diane Patrick and Bill Zedler, Mayor Bob Cluck, and Judges Jeff Walker and Don Cosby. Also, Judges Jerry Hennigan and Beth Polous who have recruited so many enthusiastic golfers.

Please use the Registration Form on page 7 to sign up and join in the festivities. Call Golf Classic Chairman Ralph Sobel at 817-675-2252 if you have any questions about playing, volunteering or sponsoring.



The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 2853

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Melba McDow of Tarrant County has dedicated many hours of service to the Republican Party, and she is indeed worthy of special recognition for her efforts; and

WHEREAS, A native Texan, Ms. McDow is an active member of the Tarrant County GOP; she has served as a delegate to the Republican district, state, and national conventions and as a member of the state Republican executive committee; she currently leads the Tarrant County Republican Assembly as a member of its board of directors; moreover, she has received the B. H. Carroll Award, which is sponsored by the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, In her personal life, Ms. McDow is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother of two who is known for her keen fashion sense; and

WHEREAS, Held in high regard by her friends and colleagues, Melba McDow advocates for her beliefs, and her active engagement in Tarrant County sets a high standard of community and political involvement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby commend Melba McDow for her outstanding civic service and public-spirited activism and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. McDow as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2853 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House



Member

2nd Annual ARC Golf Classic Registration Form

Monday, September 24, 2007, at Shady Valley Golf Club, 4001 West Park Row, Arlington, 76013



Registration and Practice: Noon

Tee Time with Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM

Social Hour: 5:00 PM

Awards Dinner, with with radio talk show host Gary McNamara: 6:00 PM

- Gold Sponsor \$1000 (Includes 4 Persons in Tournament/Dinner)
- Silver Sponsor \$750 (Includes 3 Persons in Tournament/Dinner)
- Bronze Sponsor \$500 (Includes 2 Persons in Tournament/ Dinner)

Hole-in-One Contest Sponsor \$250

Long Drive Contest Sponsor \$250

Putting Contest Sponsor \$250

Tee Box Sponsor \$100

Individual Players, including dinner: \$100

I would like to play with: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Awards Dinner for non-players: \$25

I Would Like to Donate Prizes

I Would Like To Volunteer

USGA Handicap _____ or Average Score _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

For more information contact tournament organizer
Ralph Sobel at 817-675-2252 or
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Sign up on line at
www.arlingtonrepublicanclub.com, and pay
through PayPal, or mail in this form and your check
to: ARC, PO Box 14095, Arlington, TX. 76094-1095.

Minutes of the 07-26-07 ARC Meeting
By Lisa Callaghan, Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All Board Members were present. The president then turned the meeting over to Treasurer Dale Attebery. Lisa Callaghan, Secretary, read the last month's minutes. They were approved and adopted. Dale Attebery, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved and adopted. Dr. Mark Hanson, Legislative Alert reported that the date for the Republican primaries would not change from March. He also reported that House of Representatives Member Kelly Hancock will have his District Office Ribbon Cutting next Monday, July 30, at 4:30-6:00 PM at 7101 Burns St, FW TX, 76118. United States House of Representatives Member Joe Barton will have his Town Hall meeting August 6, 2007, at 6:00 PM, at the Arlington City Hall. United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will have a fundraiser on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 5:30 PM at the home of Judi and Gary Martin, 629 Crowley, Arlington, Texas 76012.

Under the heading of Old Business, Ralph Sobel announced that the new date for the ARC Golf Tournament will be 9-24-07.

Under the heading of New Business, the election of Nominating Committee members took place. Elected were Leslie Recine, Bill James, Linda Morrow, Brenda Dietrich, and John Meek. Mr. James Cribbs of Arlington was presented with the ARC 2007 Lifetime Honorary Membership Award. Mrs. Melba McDowell was presented a House of Representatives Resolution by Representative Bill Zedler (District 96) commending her hard work for the Republican Party. Elected Officials were introduced, including precinct chairs.

Laraine Bethke then introduced the speakers, Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, Member District 12, and Pat Hardy, Member District 11, State Board of Education. Mrs. Miller spoke first. She discussed her background teaching dyslexic children. She noted that she had been on the Board since 1984. She discussed the history of her service, updating of state curriculum, and the origins of the statewide testing. She pointed out that originally the State Board of Education members were appointed when she began, but this changed to an elective process. She personally has worked very hard on dyslexia and phonics-related curriculum in the schools. She pointed out the importance of Board members focusing on the needs of the children, not on partisan issues. She also strongly stressed the importance of protecting the Permanent School Fund, and stated that legislators had a tendency to raid it for the available funds. She pointed out this had resulted in difficulty in getting the state to pay for textbooks.

Pat Hardy spoke second. She concurred with what Mrs. Miller had said. She also commended Mrs. Miller for her hard work, and noted their appreciation of Reps.

Diane Patrick and Bill Zedler for protecting the Textbook Fund. She stated that in the past, Texas has lost business because its educational system was so poor. She also noted that there was a need to reform testing to prove adherence to standards. She said some states appear to test higher than Texas in TAKS-style testing because they do not encourage all students to take the test as Texas does.

The date of the Club's next meeting, August 23, 2007 was announced. The guest speaker was announced to be James Dark, Executive Director of the Texas Rifle Association, who will speak on "The Politics of Gun Owners Rights." The meeting was then adjourned.



**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
NEEDED FOR
FIRST-EVER TEXAS
STRAW POLL VOTE**

The first-ever Texas Republican Straw Poll will be held in the Fort Worth Convention Center on August 31 and September 1. We are in need of volunteers to be Sergeants-at-Arms.

Sergeants will verify credentials, aid delegates with directions and help with the voting on Saturday. Anyone 16 or older is welcome to volunteer for the Sergeant's task. Delegates will have time to attend the various events and participate in the voting.

This is an exciting event, and a great deal of volunteer manpower is needed to make the event a success. We welcome volunteers from all over the state, but especially need good people from the North Texas area to pitch in. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, and many will have access to parts of the Straw Poll and VIPs that most delegates do not get to see.

If you are able to help out, please email your name, address, phone number, email address, whether you plan to be a delegate, any special needs, T-shirt size, the name and contact of a Republican reference, and whether you are available Friday or Saturday (or both) to MattHayesSD10@HazyAcres.net, or send in the form on page 8, or call Matt Hayes at 817-572-1111. There is a training meeting for all Sergeants on Thursday, August 30, at 6:30 pm in the Convention Center room 102.

If you do not want to be a Sergeant-at-Arms, but would like to volunteer in other ways, please email Karen@tcgop.org or call Karen Holmgren at 817-332-9371.



SERGEANT AT ARMS APPLICATION

- Name: _____
- Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____
- *E-Mail (important): _____
- Do you plan to be a Delegate? _____
- Do you have special needs? _____
- T-shirt size _____
- Please list a person of reference with contact information:
Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Information:

- ♦ Sergeants will provide the needed service of assisting the security officials and checking credentials, crowd control, and guidance to attendees.
- ♦ Sergeants must be 18 years of age by August 30, 2007.
- ♦ Sergeants should attempt to make a commitment to help throughout the entire Straw Poll event or at least for an entire day.

PLEASE MARK YOUR PREFERENCE TO VOLUNTEER AS SERGEANT:

(You may select more than one shift.)

_____ *Friday, August 31, 2007*

6:45 am – 7 pm

_____ *Saturday, September 1, 2007*

5:45 am – 6 pm

Please also be available for **Sergeant Training on Thursday, August 30th at 6:30 pm** at the Fort Worth Convention Center, Room 102

Please return form to:

Matt Hayes, Sergeant at Arms Chairman

By mail: 900 N. Walnut Creek, Suite 100 #405

Mansfield, TX 76063

By fax: (817) 483-4279

***By email (preferred): MattHayesSD10@HazyAcres.Net**

Sergeant at Arms Questions only to (817) 572-1111