



# THE ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB



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**Mark's Remarks,  
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## Résumé Enhancement and Senator Craig

I've often thought there are two different moral standards when we look at our elected officials. When a Republican, even a RINO Republican, gets in moral trouble, he is condemned as a hypocrite and is unfit for public office. Think of former Senator Robert "Hot Lips" Packwood. Currently we're dealing with the Larry Craig scandal. Also relevant here were the totally fictitious lies said about Clarence Thomas. It gets tougher for us when we have truly guilty men like Florida pervert Mark Foley and Senator David Vitter.

When these things happen to Democrats, like Bill Clinton and L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, or Barney "Male Prostitute" Frank, or Gary "Gay" Studs, they are résumé enhancers, worthy of celebration. Their candidates get re-elected and win awards. When Democrats have moral imperfections, they are praised for growth and knocking down barriers.

There are two standards of morality and the media makes

Republicans come up short. Traditional standards of morality only apply to us. That's just the way it is.

Because of this, Larry Craig has to go. I sure wish he would have resigned honorably like he said he was going to do. Now his case is before the Senate Ethics Committee. For the Republicans' sake, I hope he is forced out. There is no reason for people to vote Republican when we can't clean up our own messes. We didn't clean up Mark Foley in time, and look what that did to us. Anonymous bathroom homosexual sex is not in the Republican platform!

Sam Adams said, "The public cannot be too curious about the character of public men." I couldn't agree more, but character in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is an example of moral relativism.

*Mark R. Hanson, 51, is a Vice President in the Arlington Republican Club, precinct chair for 2055 in north Arlington, and member of the Tarrant County Republican Party's Lincoln Council.*

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ARC MEETINGS & EVENTS EVENTS.

### Thursday, October 25th

Monthly meeting. Guest speaker Steve Hollern, current Tarrant County Republican Assembly President and former Tarrant County Republican Party Chairman, 1988-98, to discuss: "How the Republican Party Works – and How It Should Work: A 30-Year Retrospective on the Inner-workings of the Texas GOP and What That Portends for the Future."

### Saturday, December 15th

ARC Christmas Party, 7:00-9:00 PM. at the home of Arlington City Councilman Mel and Candy LeBlanc, 2720 Mark Twain Court. Valet parking provided.



**MICHAEL Q. SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT OF  
TEXANS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY,  
SPOKE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

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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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# Welcome

## New Members

*Charna Blumberg*  
*Jerry Crowder*  
*Diane Haddock*  
*LeeAnn Chenowith Lawson*  
*Louis Sturns*

### Members to Vote on the Officers at the October 25th Meeting.

The nominating committee, elected at the July meeting, consisted of: Bill James, chairman, Linda Morrow, Leslie Recine, John Meek, and Brenda Dietrich.

The following recommendations for 2008-2009 ARC officers were given verbally and in writing at the September 27th meeting:

**Dr. Mark Hanson**, President

**Lisa Callaghan**,  
First Vice President, Programs;

**Marjorie Moffitt**,  
Second Vice President,  
Membership;

**Keegan Drake**,  
Third Vice President,  
Publications;

**Anne Coker**,  
Fourth Vice President,  
Legislative Alert;

**Charna Blumberg**, Secretary;

**Linda Morrow**, Treasurer.

### October, November & December Birthdays

10/04 Melba McDow  
10/05 Bill Burch  
10/05 Jane Nelson  
10/06 Richard Weber  
10/07 J. Luke  
10/14 Tom Annunziato  
10/17 George Mackey  
10/18 Randy Catterton  
10/19 Alice Sobel  
10/21 Suzanne Bethke  
10/21 Betsy Price  
10/23 Robb Catalano  
10/25 Charles Duke  
10/29 Wayne Salvant  
11/05 Tom Wilder  
11/06 Bev Walsh  
11/18 Myra Myers  
11/20 James Speed  
11/23 Diane Littlepage  
11/28 Judith Wells  
12/01 Cheril Hardy  
12/05 Dorrie O'Brien  
12/06 Alan Harper  
12/07 Jarod Cox  
12/13 Ralph Swearingen  
12/15 Nancy Berger  
12/15 Paul Ware  
12/16 Paul Evans  
12/17 Kent Grusendorf  
12/18 Sherry Hill  
12/19 Kay King  
12/21 Tim Hoy  
12/26 Victoria Myers  
12/26 John White  
12/30 Bobby Mills  
12/31 Cliff Dillehay





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at*

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

October 25, 2007 General Meeting  
If you want to eat at the restaurant, come early for dinner,  
then attend the 7:00 PM meeting.



Monthly meeting with guest speaker

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## CORNYN: SUPREME COURT SHOULD LET TEXAS ADMINISTER JUSTICE CONSISTENT WITH CONSTITUTION

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT DICTATE WHAT OUR LAWS SAY,  
CORNYN SAYS

AUSTIN—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, former Texas Attorney General and Texas Supreme Court Justice, made the following statement Wednesday regarding the Medellin v. Texas case: “Jose Ernesto Medellin confessed to and was convicted of the brutal gang rape and murder of two teenage girls in Houston. He has had numerous appeals rejected by state and federal courts. The only judicial body to rule favorably for this brutal murderer was the International Court of Justice in The Hague (Netherlands) in 2004, in a case brought by Mexico against the United States. Even that court rejected Mexico’s request for annulment of Medellin’s conviction and sentence.

“The U.S. Supreme Court should respect its own precedent and let the people of Texas administer criminal justice consistent with the Constitution. Our Founding Fathers fought the Revolutionary War to stop foreign governments from telling us what our laws say.

“The President lacks the constitutional authority to issue this unprecedented directive to a state and its court, unilaterally transforming an international treaty obligation into domestic law. The President’s attempt to interfere with state law exceeds the Constitution’s limits on his power, and, if allowed, would set a dangerous precedent.”

—More information—

Sen. Cornyn Column on Related Issues — Domestic, Not Foreign: Our laws should be judged by our laws <http://www.nationalreview.com/script/printpage.p?ref=/comment/cornyn200503280734.asp>

Sen. Cornyn Amicus Brief to Supreme Court, Medellin v. Dretke (2005)—  
[http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme\\_court/briefs/04-5928/04-5928.mer.ami.cornyn.pdf](http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/briefs/04-5928/04-5928.mer.ami.cornyn.pdf)



ARC GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, RALPH SOBEL, PRESENTS GOLF BALLS TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER, RADIO TALK SHOW HOST, GARY MCNAMARA, AT THE 2ND ANNUAL ARC GOLF TOURNAMENT AWARDS DINNER AT SHADY VALLEY GOLF COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 24TH.



ARC SECRETARY LISA CALLAGHAN AND ARC MEMBERS JAN AND PAUL EVANS AT THE ARC BOOTH AT THE FRONT STREET FESTIVAL ON SEPT. 29TH.



## Craddick Rallies GOP Faithful

By AMAN BATHEJA  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

Tom Craddick defended his controversial performance as speaker of the Texas House of Representatives speaking to Republican activists Tuesday in Arlington.

Craddick addressed about 130 local Republicans at the auditorium of Martin Sprocket & Gear, a manufacturing company, about the need to "reactivate" the GOP base.

"The Republican base knows what's best for this country," Craddick said.

Craddick spent most of a 30-minute speech outlining the House's accomplishments in recent legislative sessions, including passing property tax cuts, enacting tort reform and beefing up border security.

Craddick, known for his unflappable demeanor while presiding over the House, showed passion and frustration when discussing policy ideas he has unsuccessfully pushed, including a school voucher program and a requirement that Texans show

identification before being allowed to vote.

He praised the recent passage of a "Castle Doctrine" bill that gives property owners the right to not have to retreat before resorting to deadly force against intruders in their homes.

"We should have had that years ago," said Craddick, whose district is based in Midland. "That's the Texas way. They come on your land, you shoot 'em."

The event was hosted by a consortium of nine local Republican clubs. Several local lawmakers were in attendance, including all six current Republican state representatives from Tarrant County. Some Republican state representatives who tried to overthrow Craddick in the most recent legislative session were also there, including Todd Smith of Euless, Charlie Geren of Fort Worth, Jim Keffer of Eastland, and Brian McCall of Plano.

"We frisked them for tomatoes before they came in," Craddick joked of his detractors.

Craddick defended his polarizing decision in May to refuse to recognize motions to vote for a new speaker, saying he had lawyers study the Texas Constitution beforehand.

His critics said that was one of the few areas of his speech that they disagreed with.

"Thomas Jefferson disagrees with him about that," Smith said.

Many attendees predicted a raucous speaker's race at the start of the next legislative session in 2009 but disagreed on whether Craddick will be a factor in next year's elections.

"Some people want to paint him as a bogeyman for their own purposes," Tarrant County District Clerk Tom Wilder said.

Paul Benson, an assistant government professor at Tarrant County College, said Republican

club members largely support Craddick but are more conservative than the overall base. "Among Republican primary voters, you'll probably find things fairly split down the middle," Benson said.

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## HUTCHISON BILL PLACES 1-YEAR MORATORIUM ON TOLL ROADS

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) passed an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations bill, that protects Texas taxpayers by placing a one-year moratorium on tolling existing highways in Texas (does not prohibit tolls on new roads). The bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 88-7, would be effective through September 30, 2008. The Senate version will now need to be reconciled with the House-passed bill in a conference.

"Today we protected Texas taxpayers from paying twice for a highway," Sen. Hutchison said. "I will continue pushing for a permanent prohibition of tolling existing highways." If enacted, Sen. Hutchison will have protected Texas for one year, but she is committed to addressing this issue on a more comprehensive basis in the 2009 Highway Reauthorization bill. Sen. Hutchison's amendment preserves the Texas State Legislature's authority over this issue in Texas.

During the 80th session of the Texas Legislature the state House and Senate approved a measure that would place a two-year moratorium on building toll roads in Texas.

Source: [texasinsider.org](http://texasinsider.org), 9/13/07

## Minutes of the 09-27-07 ARC Meeting by Lisa Callaghan, Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All Board Members except Dorrie O'Brien were present. Lisa Callaghan, Secretary, read the last month's minutes. They were approved and adopted. Membership VP Anne Coker reported on dues-paid members. She also reported that the new membership directories are ready. Dale Attebery, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved and adopted. Dr. Mark Hanson, Legislative Alert reported that Rep. Diane Patrick was named Rookie of the Year by the *Dallas Morning News*. He also introduced Mr. J.W. Autem, who is a school teacher.

Mr. Autem told the club about his Web site, [www.politicsforthepeople.com](http://www.politicsforthepeople.com). He noted that the school he teaches in is a Title 1 School, which means that many of the students are poor. However, they are against abortion, believe in God, and have many beliefs consistent with Republicans. They vote Democrat largely out of ignorance of their platform. He invited the club members to go to his Web site, look at it, and offer constructive criticism.

Under the heading of Old Business, Ralph Sobel discussed the ARC Golf Tournament, which was held on 9-24-07. He estimated that the club will obtain 75% higher net revenue this year from the Golf Tournament. He thanked the sponsors of the Golf Tournament, and all the volunteers who helped make the event a success.

David Cook reported on the progress of the Reclaiming House District 93 Committee.

Bill James reported that the Nominating Committee met, and said they have a slate of officers ready. The club will vote on this slate next month, which is: **Dr. Mark Hanson**, President; **Lisa Callaghan**, First Vice President, Programs; **Marjorie Moffitt**, Second Vice President, Membership; **Keegan Drake**, Third Vice President, Publications; **Anne Coker**, Fourth Vice President, Legislative Alert; **Charna Blumberg**, Secretary; **Linda Morrow**, Treasurer.

Under New Business, Lisa Callaghan discussed the booth the club was to have at the Front Street Festival on September 29, 2007 and asked for any volunteers to come forward after the meeting.

Laraine Bethke then introduced the speaker, Mr. Michael Quinn Sullivan, the President of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. Texans for Fiscal Responsibility is an advocacy group which promotes the idea that the better use of dollars by government, and decreases in the tax rates, cause the economy to prosper. He

noted that Republicans have come into their own in recent years. In the mid-1980 and 1990s, Republicans took over the House and Senate and statewide government elected offices. Unfortunately, we have not seen universal fiscal responsibility as a result of this. Too many Republicans side with the other team as regards the taxpayers wallets. There are too many Republican "spendaholics" who put the conservative majority in a bad position. In 2003 he pointed out that the Legislature did things right. There was a ten-billion-dollar deficit, and the Legislature dealt with it without increasing taxes. They started from zero and looked at all State agencies. Texas only has low taxes in comparison to other states. State spending has grown out of control since the 1970s. We do better when our own legislators are committed to the financial principles in the Republican Party platform. He pointed out that Rep. Bill Zedler is consistently good about questioning the need for expenditures. He said we as voters need to be consistent in the messages we send to legislators, and not complain about taxes then ask for things that are expensive. We need to consistently send the message that we want them to spend less. The new business taxes may mean that employers will have to let some employees go. Republicans need to fix that problem. They must also reform the property tax appraisal system. As long as we as Republicans follow our core values, we can win.

Elected Officials were introduced, including precinct chairs.

The date of the club's next meeting, October 25, 2007, was announced. The guest speaker will be Mr. Steve Hollern, who will be speaking on "How the Republican Party Works and How It Should Work: A 30-Year Retrospective on the Inner Workings of the Texas GOP and What That Portends for the Future." There will also be a vote on the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee. It was also announced that the ARC Christmas Party will be at the home of Mel and Candy Leblanc, 2720 Mark Twain Ct., Arlington, on December 15, 2007, from 7 to 9 p.m.

