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April, 2007 Edition
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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ARC SPEAKERS

April 26

Tim Lambert, President of Texas Home School Coalition. "A Short History of Home Schooling in Texas."

May 24

Jonathan Neerman from Texans for Lawsuit Reform, speaking on tort reform and the Texas Civil Justice System. Also, we'll have a political update from Tarrant County GOP Chairman Stephanie Klick.

May 28

Memorial Day Picnic
at Ben & Susie Bethke's [see page 3].

Mark's Remarks, April, 2007



Unless Republicans Discipline TXU, We Will All Lose

Make no mistake, the Republican Party will suffer if TXU keeps getting away with murder. I believe TXU has taken advantage of a poorly written 2002 electricity deregulation bill (largely written by former democratic State Rep. Steve Wollens, who happens to be the Dallas mayor's husband) but Republicans will get the blame for being gouged. We've been in power and we're letting it happen.

I personally have seen my home electricity bill more than double in the past few years. My business electricity bill has quadrupled in five years. The current law allows electricity providers to raise rates based on an increasing price of natural gas but not forced to lower them when gas prices decrease. TXU has been ripping the ratepayer off. This is what makes them so appealing to Wall Street speculators like Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and the Texas Pacific Group. The fact that Republican James Baker and Don Evans are for the TXU buyout only hurts Republicans more.

The fact that the Public Utility Commission found that TXU manipulated the wholesale electricity market by \$210 million only gives more credence to the problem. Is the Lege going to do anything about this? This Republican says re-regulation may be called for. I am cynical when viewing the much-advertised 10% TXU residential rate reduction. And I don't believe there is any real competition in the electric market, there are only different companies marketing electricity. TXU is the main wholesaler to all of them.

No Republican wants excessive regulation. If government can regulate one business they can regulate another into oblivion. But the Demo



Mayor Robert Cluck, Jerry Pikulinski, and Carl Oehler listen to a question from moderator, Judge Sharen Wilson, at the City Council & School Board candidate forum, March 22, 2007.

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MEMBERS!

Remember to



and check-in at the check-in table when you come to the meetings! We need to have an accurate



count for our records!

April & May Birthdays

4/3 Joy Sellers
4/4 Jane Burch
4/8 Ron Wright
4/14 George Brandsma
4/15 Stacy Callaghan
4/18 Connie Hanson
4/18 Dean Recine
4/27 Janice Walker

5/04 Brenda Dietrich
5/08 Miki Robbins
5/11 Everett Young
5/13 Tom Corbin
5/14 Donna Korman
5/16 Bill Harris
5/16 John Meek
5/18 Jane Baberich
5/25 Nita Cox

Welcome New Members

Jessica Acklen
Terri Barton
Jan Brand
David Cook
Crystal Costabile
Jarod Cox
Jan Evans
Randy Kildow
Dorothy Lary
Priscilla Mathis
Teresa Moore
Mary Morris
Anna Piel
Jesse Santana
Todd Smith
Paul Ware
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Expand Your Horizons....

**Thursday,
April 26th, 7 p.m.**
Tim Lambert, from Lubbock,
President of
Texas Home School Coalition
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Barbeque & Grill
1600 E. Copeland Rd.

*Visit the Arlington
Republican Club*

**Thursday,
May 24th, 7 p.m.**
Jonathan Neerman, from Dallas,
advisor to
Texans for Lawsuit Reform
"An Update on Tort Reform & the
Texas Civil Justice System"
Also a political update from
**Stephanie Klick, Tarrant County
Republican Party Chairman**
N. Arl. Shady Oak Barbeque
& Grill
1600 E. Copeland Rd.

**Monday,
May 28th,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
ARC Memorial Day Picnic Lunch
with Special Guests:
Brigadier General Nathan Vail,
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Legislative Update from State Rep. D94, Diane Patrick



Many late-night Capitol debates have filled the last few weeks! With less than six weeks remaining in the

session, the pace is quickening with everyone in a rush to have their bills heard in committee and voted onto the House floor. Throughout the session, I have focused on areas of concern to Arlington.

Important for Arlington's budgeting and economic development purposes, we worked closely with Senator Brimer's office to pass SB190/HB1008 relating to certain larger municipalities' authority to receive previously denied sales tax data from the comptroller.

Being the only freshman legislator on the Public Education Committee has been quite an honor, and

I have enjoyed shaping educational policy for this state. Several of my bills improving school safety have passed out of committee and will be heard on the House Floor soon.

As a House Higher Education Committee member, I stay attuned to UT-Arlington issues. UTA was originally budgeted to lose \$16 million due to formula funding changes and a slight decrease in student semester credit hours, but I have worked with House leadership to restore at least \$10 million through "hold harmless" provisions, and I am working to get more!

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DAVID COOK



David L. Cook was born July 5, 1971, and was raised in Mansfield. After graduating from Mansfield High School in 1989, he attended Stephen F. Austin State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1992 with a major in Public Administration.

After graduating from SFA, David began law school at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and working part time for Senator Chris Harris' law office. In 1995, David worked with Senator Harris as a Legislative Aide during the 74th Legislative Session, during which the Texas Family Code was amended and recodified under the leadership of Senator Harris and Rep. Toby Goodman. David continued working for Senator Harris' law office while attending law school and became licensed to practice law in 1997. David has been practicing in Arlington with Senator Harris since 1997. David's primary focus is Family Law, including Complex Property Division and Contested Child Custody matters and Commercial Litigation matters. David is frequently in the courtroom with family and civil cases, and also serves as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Crowley. David was honored to be selected to the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, a prestigious attorney-mentoring organization. He is an active member of the Arlington Republican Club, Southeast

Republican Club, Republican Women of Arlington, and the Reagan Legacy Republican Women, and was recently appointed chairman of the Arlington Republican Club's Reclaim Texas House District 93 Committee because of Justin Murff's departure for Austria.

David and wife, Tonya, live in Mansfield. They have four children: Stefan, Blake, Cecilee, and Christian.

Mark's Remarks

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crats sure don't believe in minimal regulation and they believe that government is a force to counteract out-of-control businesses. They will get credit for this and Republicans will lose because of it. We could lose the Texas House and Senate as well as the statehouse. Our Congressman Joe Barton recently criticized the \$44 billion sale of TXU as "a bad deal for consumers." More Republicans need to take TXU to the woodshed.

The whole electricity deregulation bill needs to be revisited and rewritten, and TXU needs to be kicked in the butt. Our property taxes hopefully will soon be dramatically lowered, and Republicans need to get credit for this, but any savings made in property taxes are just going to pay our electricity bill, which is just another tax.

Mark R Hanson, 50, is a precinct chair in precinct 2055 in North Arlington, Vice President of the Arlington Republican Club and an optometrist at his office called Insight Vision.

Representative Diane Patrick

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I was proud to vote with the majority to pass a very conservative Appropriations House Bill (HB1), paying for a 33¢ school property tax reduction, staying below population growth and inflation rates, and putting away money to fund future property tax cuts.

I also voted with the House majority on a two-year moratorium on private equity contracts such as the Trans-Texas Corridor contract with Spanish-based Cintra, but to exempt north Texas transportation projects (based on a significant constituent outcry).

Conservative Republican issues remain my top priorities! When you call with a concern, rest assured that you have a listening ear and an active voice conveying those concerns on your behalf. I accept my role as your State Representative with great awareness of the responsibility to represent citizens of District 94 with diligence. I appreciate your continued correspondence and efforts to keep me informed of the issues impacting Arlington as the session continues.



Solid Lesson Plan Could Forestall “Coming Crisis in Citizenship”

By Phyllis Schlafly

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings says that the federal government needs some accountability for the billions taxpayers pour into university education. That’s right, we do; but her plan, to set up a national database to track students, plus a system of testing like those in the No Child Left Behind Act, is not the solution.

The problems Spellings identifies—students transferring to different colleges, dropouts, and the years of time it takes to graduate—are only some of what’s wrong with colleges today.

Other important problems include: college tuition is unconscionably inflated, students are not getting their money’s worth yet they leave college with an incredibly burdensome debt, colleges are paying high-priced professors to teach worthless courses while at the same time students find it difficult to get into basic courses they need to graduate, students are admitted who are unprepared to do college work, and a high percentage of students attend remedial courses to learn what they should have learned in high school.

Spellings could force improvements in both colleges and high schools if the federal government would refuse college grants and loans for remedial courses so that colleges would admit only those ready to do college-level work.

Even worse, however, is what the colleges don’t teach. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute has just rendered a national service by releasing a comprehensive study on higher education’s failure to teach students about America’s history and institutions.

The investigation was based on the premise that today’s college students, who will be our nation’s future leaders, must have a basic under-

standing of U.S. history and founding principles if they are to be informed citizens. How can they evaluate the United States’ relationship to the rest of the world unless they have a clear vision of the United States’ unique identity and how we got where we are?

The results of the institute’s multiyear study by eminent academics, who are experienced in the classroom, are depressing. That’s why the ISI report is called “The Coming Crisis in Citizenship.”

The institute contracted with the University of Connecticut’s Department of Public Policy to undertake the largest statistically valid survey ever conducted in order to find out what colleges and universities are teaching their students about U.S. history and institutions. They surveyed 14,000 randomly selected college freshmen and seniors at 50 colleges and universities.

The students were tested with 60 multiple-choice questions to measure their knowledge in four subject areas: U.S. history, U.S. government, America and the world, and the market economy. Freshmen and seniors were given the same test, and here are the results.

Seniors scored only 1.5 percent higher, on average, than freshmen, and at 16 schools, seniors scored lower than freshmen. I guess that means they learned little or nothing about the United States in four years of college. If the multiple-choice test had been administered as an exam in a college course, seniors would have failed with an average score of 53.2 percent. That’s called getting an F.

Seniors at 22 of the 50 colleges scored on average below 50 percent. More than half the seniors could not identify the correct century when the first American colony was established at Jamestown, or recognize

Yorktown as the battle that ended the American Revolution.

Fewer than half of college seniors recognized that “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal” is from the Declaration of Independence.

Another finding of this unique investigation was that prestige doesn’t pay off when it comes to learning about the United States. Colleges that boast high rankings in the famous U.S. News & World Report list of top colleges ranked particularly low when it comes to U.S. history.

At many prestigious colleges, including Yale, Brown, and Georgetown, seniors know less than freshmen about U.S. history. Maybe the Yalies spent so much time singing with the Whiffenpoofs down at Mory’s that they forgot what they learned at the high-priced prep schools they may have attended in order to qualify for admission to an Ivy League college.

It seems to boil down to the obvious fact that students don’t learn what colleges don’t teach. If learning U.S. history is the measure, a student can just as well attend a low-budget college.

Many left-wing professors are eagerly encouraging students to participate in political action. But it won’t be a happy participation if the students rush into political action without a good grounding in U.S. history, the U.S. Constitution, and civics.

The ISI report takes its cue from Thomas Jefferson, who wrote: “If a nation expects to be ignorant and free . . . it expects what never was and never will be.” In other words, retaining our freedom depends on an informed citizenry. You are invited to take the courses American History 101 and American Government 101 at www.EagleForumU.org

**Minutes of the 03-22-07 ARC Meeting
by Lisa Callaghan, Secretary**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All board members were present. Marjorie Moffitt said the prayer. Dorrie O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance Leslie Recine handed the meeting over to Laraine Bethke to run. Lisa Callaghan, Secretary, read the last month's minutes. They were adopted. Anne Coker, V.P. Membership, reported that membership dues at the old reduced rate are due by the end of the month. Dale Attebery, Treasurer, reported \$480.00 in income from membership dues. The Treasurer's Report was adopted. Dr. Mark Hanson, Legislative Alert VP, announced that the cost of the Straw Poll, to take place 8/31-9/1/07 in Ft. Worth, is \$50. You can register online.

Under the heading of Old Business, the Audit and By-law Committees are meeting 4/26/07 to reconcile their reports; Judge Bob McGrath will mediate. Ralph Sobel announced that anyone interested in sponsoring or working as a volunteer at the ARC Golf Tournament should see him after the meeting. Laraine Bethke announced that the Memorial Day Picnic will take place at Benjamin and Susie Bethke's house on Wimbledon Drive just as it did last year. Justin Murff announced a meeting to take place 3/30/07 at 6:00 PM at Martin Sprocket and Gear for the Committee for Reclaiming House District 93. He also announced that he and his wife will be moving to Austria and that David Cook would be replacing him as chairman.

Under the heading of New Business, the Membership Drive reception was deferred. It was announced that new photos were now being taken after club meetings for the 2007 membership directory. Elected officials were introduced. Laraine Bethke then introduced Judge Sharen Wilson, moderator for the Arlington City Council, Mayoral, and School Board Candidate Forum.

The first candidates to speak were the candidates for Mayor of Arlington. Dr Robert Cluck, the incumbent, spoke first. He pointed out that there were a lot of recent developments in Arlington that had occurred during his tenure, in-

cluded new police officers hired by the city, new officers to work DWI offenses, and the Mayor's Youth Commission. Next, Jerome Pikulinski spoke. He said that while public safety and tax rate caps were number one priorities to the citizens of Arlington, Johnson Creek was not. He said he would promote transparency in government. Finally, Carl Oehler spoke. He pointed out that he supported the incumbent mayor, and said he was focused on issues instead. He asked why there were no sports facilities or libraries in Northwest Arlington. He also said a new Chief of Police was needed.

Next, Robert Rivera, incumbent for Arlington City Council District 3, spoke. Then the candidates for Arlington City Council District number 4, Kathryn Wilemon and Deborah Gagliardi, spoke. Incumbent Kathryn Wilemon spoke first, saying that taxes in Arlington were down, redevelopment was going on everywhere across the city, but that infrastructure improvement was still needed. Deborah Gagliardi then spoke, noting that Arlington was losing high-income earners and was incorporating more subsidized housing. She said her experience as a mechanical engineer would benefit the City Council.

Arlington City council District 8 incumbent Gene Patrick and his opponent Richard Weber, then spoke. Gene Patrick discussed recent redevelopment in the city. Richard Weber discussed taxes and recent issues concerning the Municipal Court audit.

Two incumbent members of the Arlington School Board, Mike O'Donnell and Jim Ash, briefly addressed the club.

Finally, Lana Wolff and Bill Eastland, candidates for Arlington City Council District 5 spoke. Lana Wolff, the incumbent, discussed the future of Arlington's growth, pointed out that infrastructure repair is still needed, and discussed urban blight. Bill Eastland pointed out that he is a conservative Reagan Republican. He stated that he does not approve of welfare programs and thinks that infrastructure decay, crime and blight need to be addressed

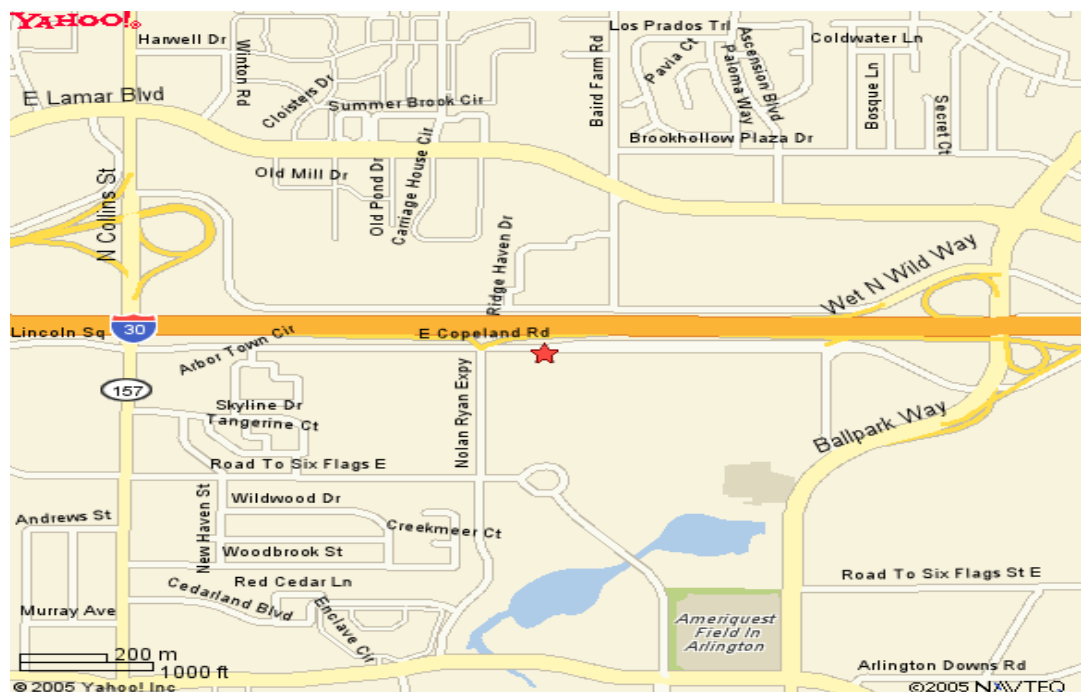
The date of the Club's next meeting, April 26, 2007 was announced, and that the guest speaker would be Tim Lambert, President of the Texas Home School Coalition.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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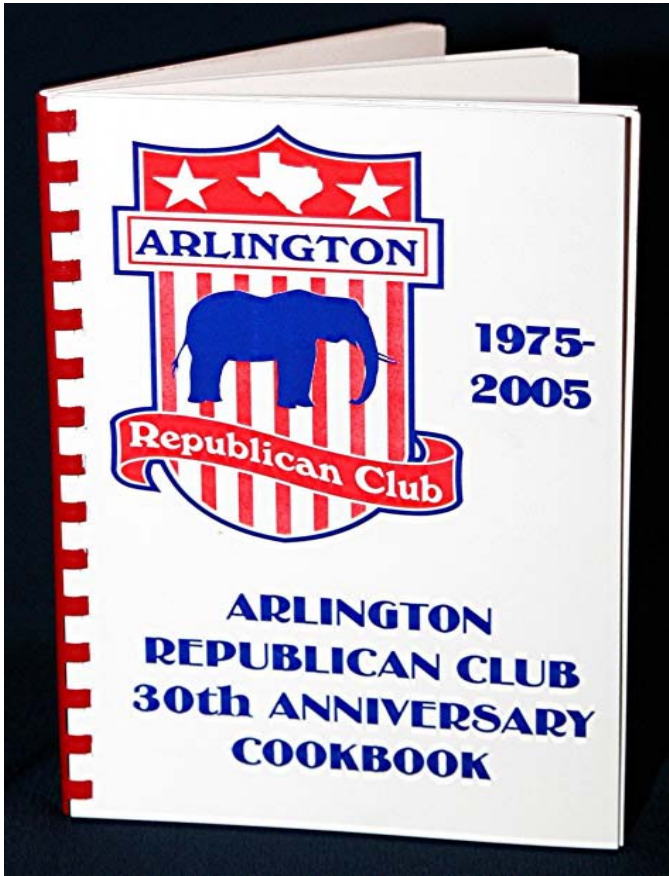
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