



THE ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

September, 2007 Edition
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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ARC MEETINGS & EVENTS EVENTS.

Monday, September 24th
Our second annual ARC Golf Tournament is at Shady Valley Golf Club. Awards dinner at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25th
"AN EVENING WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE HONORABLE TOM CRADDICK." Social with refreshments at 6:30 PM. The program begins at 7:00 PM. Martin Sprocket & Gear Auditorium, 3100 Sprocket Dr., Arlington.

Thursday, September 27th
Monthly meeting with guest speaker Michael Q. Sullivan, President of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. "Strong and ethical fiscal stewardship within all levels of Texas government."

Saturday, September 29th
First-ever ARC booth at the Arlington Historical Society's Front Street Festival, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Knapp Heritage Park, 201 W. Front Street.

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.



Profound Media Bias

The Media Research Center (www.mrc.org) recently completed a study documenting mainstream media bias in a profound way. All Republicans know the mainstream media is biased. When confronted, media people always say "give me an example" and our national TV media always insist they are unbiased and non partisan. Brent Bozell's Media Research Center has evidence he throws back at them.

The MRC studied morning show newscasts on ABC, CBS, and NBC from January 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007. The MRC studied coverage of all presidential candidates from both parties. There is no pretense of political balance. In 517 campaign segments, the networks offered nearly twice as many segments to Democrats as Republicans, a margin of 284 to 152. The morning shows three times as much free air time to Democrats (4 hours, 35 minutes) than to Republicans (1 hour, 44 minutes).

ABC's *Good Morning America* was the worse, with 119 segments on the D's to just 51 for the R's. On all three networks, the three Democratic frontrunners, Hillary, Obama, and Edwards, received more indi-

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SPEAKERS AT THE AUGUST MEETING WERE: TOM QUINONES, STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN, SD12; DR. ROBERT PAUL, SON OF CONGRESSMAN RON PAUL; AND CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN HUNTER.

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Welcome New Members

Cathie Adams
Chad Bishop
Jeremy Blosser
Keegan Drake
David Emery
Ken Fawcett
Kathryn Monette



Daniel Mann, 17, of Arlington, a senior at Pantego Christian Academy, and new member of the ARC, was named National Merit semifinalist on September 12 by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in its 53rd annual competition.

Approximately 1.4 million high school students take the qualifying test, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), in the fall of their junior year.

Of those students, the top 16,000 scorers (less than 1% of all high school seniors) are named semifinalists based on their scores and have the opportunity to become one of the 15,000 finalists and compete for more than 8,200 scholarships worth \$34 million.

To become a finalist the student must have had an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier PSAT scores.

Finalists will be notified in February 2008 and scholarship recipients will be notified beginning in March.

September & October Birthdays

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
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

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

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September 27, 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

Michael Q. Sullivan

President of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

“Strong and ethical fiscal stewardship within all levels of Texas government.”



Diane Patrick

State Representative, District 94
Cities of Arlington, Pantego, and
Dalworthington Gardens

As a freshman legislator, I learned my way around the Capitol political arena in terms of moving and passing legislation! The 140 days of the 80th Legislative Session passed quickly, and upon reflection, it was a very busy and productive session.

My staff and I worked diligently to have several important pieces of legislation pass into law, including two bills promoting school safety and another giving the city of Arlington access to sales tax information for more accurate planning purposes. Below are some other Session highlights.

House District 94 Legislative Update

Property Tax Relief

House Bill 1 provides a fiscally sound budget for the state, including \$14 billion to ensure that citizens receive the promised school property tax relief. The total amount of the budget increase is less than the rate of inflation and population growth.

The passage of House Bill 5 ensures that elderly and disabled citizens will enjoy the same school property tax relief.

Border Security

Senate Bill (SB)11 creates new initiatives to fight border crime, and human trafficking and smuggling. It provides more money for hard-pressed border sheriffs, bridges the gap between border patrol/local law enforcement, provides four new advanced helicopters for border patrol, establishes a statewide mutual aid system for law enforcement, and creates the Texas Border Security Council.

Silver Alert Program

Senate Bill 1315 establishes the Silver Alert Program by requiring the Department of Public Safety to develop an alert system to help locate missing senior citizens, including those with Alzheimer's disease or other mentally debilitating diseases before they are harmed.

State Parks

We passed legislation that provides new resources to our chronically under-funded state parks, including money for operation, repairs, land acquisition, local park grants for cities and counties, and capitol improvements, as well as a review of the sporting goods tax.

I appreciate everyone who contacted our offices, sharing your concerns and ideas with me during the session. Your insight and provided proved beneficial as we made decisions on key pieces of legislation.

Thank you again; it is an honor to serve as your representative!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



DAWSON
CANNEFAX

I grew up in north Texas and I could not think of a better place to live. I went to Pantego Christian Academy where I played football, basketball, baseball, and was on swimming team, and ran track. I was a state champion hurdler. I was voted TAPPS 4A male athlete of the year. I became involved with politics my senior year of high school. My history teacher, Mrs. Margie Rowland, helped fuel my passion for politics and government.

Our school started a Republican Club, the Panther Republicans; I was the first president. We had many great speakers come, including Judge Nancy Berger, and Secretary of State Roger Williams. These speakers helped solidify why I believe in the Republican Party. I want to support a party that holds traditional family values and supports limited government. I am currently attending Tarrant County College, but I'm undecided as to a major. I hope one day to be involved with Congress, first with the Texas Congress, and then hopefully with the United States Congress. I was a camp counselor at Camp Thurman, a Christian day camp for kids in Arlington, during the summer. I am ecstatic to be a part of the Arlington Republican Club and I hope to be a volunteer and a part of the club for years to come.

Mark's Remarks September, 2007

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vidual attention than any of the top Republican candidates. Also, when the Barbie and Ken hosts described the candidates, Hillary was "a president in waiting." Obama is "white hot" and a "rock star." Democratic candidates are treated like celebrities, while the top GOP contenders are covered in a way pointing out flaws and problems.

There is also a clear lack of labeling. Not once in seven months did a network morning show reporter or analyst label Hillary as a "liberal." Only once was John Edwards called a "liberal." Obama was only labeled a "liberal" once. But Rudy Giuliani was labeled a "liberal" 12 times!

Morning news shows are not tailored for political junkies that watch Sunday morning political shows and read Conservative magazines. What is shocking is that the average soccer mom, the average voter, has these shows on in the morning before school and work. It is very difficult to combat such a biased press.

Mark R. Hanson, 51, is a Vice President in the Arlington Republican Club and a precinct chair in 2055 in North Arlington. He is an optometrist, married, and has 3 cats.



**THE ARC's
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
PARTY!**

**Saturday,
December 15th**

**7:00-9:00 PM. at the
home of Arlington City
Councilman Mel and
Candy LeBlanc, 2720
Mark Twain Court. Va-
let parking provided.**



ALL ARC OFFICERS WERE PRESENT FOR THE AUG. 27TH MEETING AND SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND CONGRESSMAN, DUNCAN HUNTER.

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Leslie Recine, Dale Attebery and Anne Coker



Vince Galante, Peggy Borchert and Jim Borchert



Helen Maddox



Laraine Bethke and Dorrie O'Brien

Republicans welcome candidates

The Arlington Republican Club hosted a program Aug. 23 at Shady Oak Barbecue and Grill. Speakers included U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, who plans to run for president in the next election; Tom Quinones, attorney and state republican executive committeeman for Senate District 12; and Robert Paul, son of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, who is running for president in 2008. Learn more online at www.arlingtonrepublicanclub.com.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR TELEGRAM/ROBERT M. McAWDY

Minutes of the 08-23-07 ARC Meeting by Lisa Callaghan, Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All Board Members were present. Lisa Callaghan, Secretary, read the last month's minutes. They were approved and adopted. Membership V.P. Anne Coker reported that there were 237 dues paid members. She also reported that the new membership directories will be ready next month. Dale Attebery, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report, which was approved and adopted. Dr. Mark Hanson, Legislative Alert V.P., reported that Representative Bill Zedler had been acknowledged by the Heritage Alliance. They produce a "Legislative Scorecard," on which Representative Zedler scored 90% or higher for passing conservative legislation. Mr. Zedler introduced Mr. Keegan Drake, who was previously employed by Congressman Tom Cole of Oklahoma, and is presently employed by Congresswoman Kay Granger. Mr. Drake compared Oklahoma and Texas politics. He pointed out that Democrats had tried to pass nonsensical legislation, such as trying to pay for health care with a tobacco tax increase, which will cause an increase in smokers. He pointed out the need for more Republicans in office.

Under the heading of Old Business, Ralph Sobel discussed the ARC Golf Tournament, which will be 9-24-07. He asked if any members knew people in the community who would like to play in the tournament. If so, he asked that members get those people in contact with him, or at least get them a flyer concerning the tournament. Bill James reported that the Nominating Committee had met, and said they would have a slate of officers ready by the next month's meeting.

Elected Officials were introduced, including precinct chairs.

Prior to the program, Leslie Recine pointed out that the ARC is not a Federal PAC and therefore does not endorse or "add value" to Federal candidates. Laraine Bethke then introduced the speakers. First she introduced Mr. Tom Quinones, SREC Senate District 12, who spoke on "2008: Issues or Personalities?" Mr. Quinones noted that we are in a time of uncertainty right now, but where there is uncertainty there is opportunity. He pointed out that moral issues and freedoms are presently being affected, but that we can win if we address those issues. He said we need to give candidates our honest questions and opinions and demand the same from them. If we stay with principals and not personalities, we can win every time. The next election will define our country for the next 30-50 years.

Next to speak was Dr. Robert Paul, son of Presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul. Dr. Robert Paul is a family practitioner in Benbrook, Texas. He announced that his father will be in town and will have a reception Friday night, August 31, 2007, the night before the Straw Poll

Vote, from 8:30 PM to midnight. Jimmy Vaughn will be playing at the reception. He recalled that his father, Dr. Ron Paul, is a physician originally from Philadelphia. He has lived and practiced medicine in Lake Jackson, Texas for many years. He ran for and was elected to Congress in 1976. He met President Ford and one week later supported Ronald Reagan over Ford. He was a friend of Ronald Reagan for many years. He ran for the Senate in 1984, and lost to Phil Graham. He returned to his medical practice at that time and delivered over 4,000 babies. He ran again and won in 1996, and has been in Congress ever since. He believes in freedom and the Constitution. He wants to balance the budget, and get rid of the Dept. of Education. He does not want socialized medicine, which we will have if the Democrats win. He tried to return \$230,000 of his Congressional budget to the Treasury, but they would not accept it. If the Constitution says we have to declare war, he is going to require it. He would quit giving away foreign aid all over the world.

Last to speak was Congressman Duncan Hunter of California. He is the ranking member of the House, and chairman of the Armed Services Committee for the past four years. When roadside bombs started to hurt our soldiers, he sent people out to look for high-grade steel-plate to put on Humvees. He noted at that time that we only had one company in the country capable anymore of making the steel plates. He also said that Switzerland refused to sell up guidance devices for "Smart Bombs." He said that too many war-related industries have moved off shore and that we need to correct that, as our military materials should be made here. He said that China is buying weapons with money it gets from us, and that some of those weapons are aimed back at us. He noted that on January 11, 2007, they blew a satellite out of space. He said China is arming with American tax dollars. He said they are cheating in trade and he would as President address that issue. He would also work to bring jobs back onshore. Regarding the border, he said the law concerning building the wall was law and not a suggestion. The law contains deadlines, and the Federal government has not even begun to build the wall in some of the designated areas. He said if he were President, the wall would be built in 6 months. Regarding Homeland Security, he said law-abiding citizens should be armed. He said if we use guns to protect ourselves, our families and our communities, that he will not let the Second Amendment be watered down.

The date of the club's next meeting, September 27, 2007, was announced. The guest speaker will be Mr. Michael Q. Sullivan, President of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, who will discuss strong and ethical fiscal stewardship within all levels of Texas government. There will also be a report from the Nominating Committee on the 2008-09 Officers.

Challenge to Texas Pledge Denied

A federal judge on August 28th denied a request for a preliminary injunction sought by a north Texas couple who object to the words “one state under God” being added to the state pledge of allegiance and want to stop it from being recited. U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade denied the request on the grounds that David and Shannon Croft failed to show they would be injured if the preliminary injunction were not granted. The Crofts sued last month, contending that the Texas pledge violates the First Amendment. They filed the lawsuit on behalf of their children, who attend Carrollton-Farmers Branch schools.

“With today’s ruling, a federal judge denied the plaintiffs’ attempt to prevent Texas schoolchildren from pledging their allegiance to ‘one state under God,’” Attorney General Greg Abbott said in a news release. “The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held patriotic acknowledgments of the Almighty such as these are completely consistent with the U.S. Constitution.” (Source: *The Fort Worth Star Telegram*, 8/29/07)

Texas SAT Scores Increase, Buck National Trend

Texas students narrowed the long-standing gap on the SAT between themselves and their counterparts across the U.S. this year as their average math and reading scores both increased slightly while national averages dropped. The College Board reported that the average math score in Texas climbed to its highest level in more than a decade – up a point from last year to 507. In reading, Texas students also went up a point from last year to 492. National scores, meanwhile, dropped three points in math and one point in reading. The national averages were still significantly higher than those in Texas at 515 in math and 502 in reading. High school students were also tested in writing for the second year. Texas students had an average score of 482 in writing, while the national average was 494. Both scores were down from a year ago. A perfect score on each section of the SAT is 800. (Source: *The Dallas Morning News*, 8/29/07)

VICTORY!

Free Market Foundation’s Legal Division Wins Huge Case In The Texas Supreme Court Protecting Seminaries!

LANDMARK RELIGIOUS FREEDOM CASE

The Texas Supreme Court recently ruled in favor of three theological seminaries in a landmark religious freedoms lawsuit over government control of seminaries. The state had fined Tyndale Seminary \$173,000 for calling itself a seminary and issuing 34 diplomas in the Bible and Theology without first getting state approval of its curriculum, board, and professors. The 8-0 decision in the case of *HEB Ministries, Inc., et al. v. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, et al.*, overturns two lower court opinions and a Texas law which gave the state power over seminaries and their training of pastors and religious leaders for the ministry.

“This decision is a huge victory for all seminaries, not only in Texas but nationwide. The state has no authority or competence to control the training of pastors and ministers, and the Supreme Court rightly held so,” President Kelly Shackelford said, who, along with Shelby Sharpe, argued the case at the high court. “We’re thrilled. This is a landmark decision and a huge victory for religious freedom.”

Justice Hecht announced the decision today and eight Justices agreed on part of the decision, with four Justices signing on to concurrences as well.

We want to give praise to God for this incredible victory as well as thank attorney Shelby Sharpe and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzales for their commitment and sacrifice on this case.

The Latest “Major” Fad in Public Schools

By Phyllis Schlafly

Monday, August 27, 2007

Every few years a new fad sweeps through the public schools. There’s been self-esteem, new math, whole language, New Age, outcome-based education, school-to-work, mental health screening, school-based clinics, global education, diversity, multiculturalism, and early childhood education.

The newest public school fad was announced last week on the front page of the *New York Times*, so educators must be taking it seriously. If it hasn’t come to your town yet, no doubt it will come soon.

Freshmen at Dwight Morrow High School in New Jersey, starting this fall, must declare a major, and they must take at least one course in that subject every trimester for four years. The major will be noted on their diplomas.

How many teens between the ages of 14 and 18 do you think ever change their minds about what they like and don’t like? Let’s rephrase the question: Do you know any teenagers who don’t frequently change their minds?

Most teens have a hard time deciding what to wear, what to eat, and with whom they will go to the prom. Most students probably haven’t selected their lifetime career when they start college.

But at Dwight Morrow, those who change their minds are out of luck. If they find they don’t like their original choice, they can’t change unless they produce a “compelling reason,” but even that might not be sufficient.

In preparation for this “choose major” plan, students were asked to write essays about what they wanted to specialize in. The most popular subject chosen was sports management.

The *Times* quoted a girl named Akelia who at 14 declared she wanted to be a lawyer, but after two years realized how much work she would have to put in studying “boring” cases, so she tried to switch to computers. Alas, she found she was locked into her major and prohibited from changing.

Don’t worry about students’ difficulty in making a decision. They will be assisted by a school guidance counselor whose task is to map out a six-year career path that even includes the first year of college.

If a teen is a world-class genius like Michelangelo, it could be a good thing to get started developing his talent early. But most of us are not Michelangelos, and we can’t count on the “choose major” experiment to produce modern Michelangelos.

Most teens are not ready to lock into a lifetime career so early; they need to explore and investigate options and opportunities. Anyway, there are magnet schools for those who are ready for specialization.

Some jobs students choose today might not be available when they graduate, and other jobs could become available four years hence that don’t exist today.

It is customary for educators to initiate their new fads in poorer schools where they feel they have a better chance to con parents and students into believing that they are getting the most modern improvements in education. The Dwight Morrow classrooms are ridiculously labeled “Harvard, Yale, and Rutgers.” Dwight Morrow is a high school with low test scores and racial tensions. Three-quarters of the student body is black or Hispanic, and 60% qualify for free or reduced lunches.

This “choose major” fad seems to have spread nationwide under the radar without prior publicity. Apparently, hundreds of high schools now require students to specialize, but most are not so rigid as to require a major.

Florida requires every ninth-grader to major in one of some 400 state-approved subjects ranging from world cultures to fashion design. South Carolina requires students to designate one of 16 career clusters from agriculture to architecture. Mississippi has a pilot program to have ninth-graders choose one of seven career paths from construction to technology.

Like any new school fad, “choose major” of course requires more taxpayer funding. The New Jersey district has hired five new teachers, and set up advisory boards for each track that include performing artists, doctors, and lawyers.

Public schools should teach all first-graders to read by the time-tested phonics system, and teach all schoolchildren to know and use the fundamentals of arithmetic by the end of the third grade. This would end the shocking epidemic of illiteracy that now permits students to get into high school and even graduate without being able to read, write, or calculate change at the grocery store.

Choosing a major won’t solve the problem of high school dropouts who can’t read, write, add, subtract, multiply, or divide. Public schools will remain a national embarrassment unless and until the fundamentals are [again] taught in elementary classes.