



ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER



30th Anniversary Year

May 21, 2005

Since 1975

The President's Message

By Leslie Recine

Dear Republican Friends,

This is a politically active time. Pay attention as the Legislative session winds down in Austin. The advent of summer is not a time to rest. The ARC meets throughout the summer. As we approach the primary season, many elected officials and candidates from whom we can learn much will be speaking in our area. Look for these opportunities and take advantage of them.

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Legislative Update

By State Rep. Kent Grusendorf

As the 79th Legislative Session draws to a close, I am reminded of our party's tireless efforts to make our conservative voices ring true in Texas, and how much the political environment in Austin has changed in the last two sessions under Republican leadership. Thanks to the hard work of Republicans in 2003, we were able to experience a dramatic shift in the balance of power in Texas politics. Your commitment to supporting conservative values will have a lasting effect on all Texans now and for generations to come.

At the onset of this session, we made passing the budget, fixing school finance, implementing a revenue-neutral state tax plan, and protecting the rights of taxpayers our primary agenda.

While the final outcome of the 79th Legislative Session is yet to be determined, I am confident we will deliver one of the most conservative agendas in decades. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated as we continue to work around the clock until May 30..

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The Leadership Institute
Grassroots Activist School.

MORTON BLACKWELL'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRASSROOTS ACTIVIST SCHOOL

By Lisa Callaghan

On April 30, 2005 the Grassroots Activist School was an all day event held at Martin Sprocket and Gear.

The training was put on by the Leadership Institute, an organization founded by Morton C. Blackwell in 1979. The avowed purpose of the Institute is to "identify, recruit, (continued page (continued page 5)



86 people attended the ARC
Arlington City Council and
School Board Candidate Forum.

Mark's Remarks

By Dr. Mark Hanson

Imagine a Part Time Legislature in Washington DC!

Much to the delight of small government fans, the Texas Legislature will soon adjourn on May 30. One thing that insures that Texas keeps small limited government is its blessed part time legislature. Our elected officials go to Austin for five months for virtually no pay and work their tails off.

They are forced to pass a budget, do the most important things that must be done for the State of Texas and ignore the legislative trivia. After working 20 hour days, they then come home to their district (the real world) where they interact with average citizens, taxpayers, teachers, and businessmen.

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The Clubs next meeting is May 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.; location is Bodacious BBQ, 1206 E. Division St. (just east of Collins st.). Gina Parker, attorney, will speak on Judicial Reform.

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Legislative

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As chairman of the Public Education Committee, I passed HB 2 our "Roadmap to Results." This school finance bill will significantly improve the way we fund education in Texas. Let me take this opportunity to briefly highlight a few notable provisions in the House version of the bill. HB 2 will drive greater efficiency in the allocation of scarce resources in several ways. First, new financial reporting requirements and better accountability will provide the data necessary to make better cost-benefit decisions, and this information will be available to the public on the Texas Education Agency website. Local taxpayers and business leaders will be empowered in several ways. They will have the right to approve or reject all future property tax increases at the ballot box. School board elections will be moved to November when there is higher voter turnout, thereby providing greater say in who is elected to serve on local school boards.

HB 2 will result in improved efficiency and productivity in our schools. Colleges of Business will help provide advanced management training for our school principals and superintendents. The bill will require schools to focus on wise allocation of their limited resources by requiring districts to use 1% of their budgets for locally developed incentives programs that reward our best and brightest teachers. We also made closing the achievement gap in our schools a priority- HB 2 provides \$100 million in incentives to pay our best teachers to teach at economically disadvantaged campuses. HB 2 contains an aggressive high school improvement program including state-funded SAT/ACT tests and implementation of end of course tests at the high school level. The state will no longer tolerate low performing schools. Schools

which fail to correct performance will be shut down or be taken over. School property taxes will be reduced by one-third, with no net tax increase. But most importantly, HB 2 will result in greater efficiency and productivity from the current \$30 billion in school spending.

Under the House version of HB 2, educational technology will also play a major role in Texas schools. The state will provide for online best practices so that each school district will not have to reinvent the wheel because districts can benefit from the success of those who do the best job. HB 2 along with HB 4 will provide for greater funding of educational technology both in curriculum delivery and student assessment placing Texas at the national forefront in educational technology.

Bottom line, we focus on results! As Governor Perry often says, "we don't just want more money for education, but more education for our money." Thanks again for your help

State Rep. Kent

Grusendorf

Rep. Grusendorf is the State Rep. for District 94.

President (con't from page one)

Twenty-four years ago, our beloved President Ronald Reagan, in an Economic Speech-Address to the Nation, February 5, 1981, reprinted in REAGAN In His Own Hand, wrote "As I've said before, on February 18th I will present this economic package of budget reductions and tax reform to a joint session of Congress and to you in full detail. Our basic system is sound, we can, with compassion continue to meet our responsibility to those who through no fault of their own need our help. We can meet fully the other legitimate responsibilities of government. We cannot continue ANY LONGER our wasteful ways at

the expense of the workers of this land and our children." Some messages are timeless.

Together we can make a difference. I look forward to working alongside you to advance the Republican Party.

Very Truly Yours,

Leslie Recine

Mark's Remarks

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They again talk to their neighbors and real people, not political insiders and lobbyists who want something at the taxpayer's expense.

The best thing is the session will soon be over, and unless a special session is called by the Governor for some reason, we can be safe that the politicians can do no damage until January, 2007. We can have peace of mind that Austin will leave us alone for 19 months! Such is the benefit of a part time legislature that only meets for 5 months every 2 years.

If only we could export this to Washington DC. Think how nice life would be if the Federal government passed 2 year budgets. This alone would limit some of the endless pork barrel projects and spending. The US Senate would have to vote on judges in 5 months instead of 2 years! A full time legislature is always trying to fix things and sneak things through. A full time legislature like we have in DC is constantly a caldron of special interests, media inflammation of misinformation, spin and spending. The politicians and national media always keep us worked up over something. Don't you wish they'd disappear for a year and a half and leave us alone? We'd all be happier! Our collective blood pressure would all be lower.

Many thanks to our Texas legislators who get the job done!

Dr. Mark Hanson

Dr Mark R Hanson, 48, is a Republican pct chairman and election judge in North Arlington. He is an optometrist at his office

called *Insight Vision*. He has outrageous common sense views that get him into trouble like opposing political correctness and judicial tyranny.

SREC Report

by Tim Hoy

Secretary of State Sworn In, and 1st Quarter SREC Meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee took place on March 11th and 12th in Austin at the downtown Austin Hilton Hotel. Official events Friday consisted of committee meetings and a reception at the hotel with governor Rick Perry.

For Jane and myself, the highlight of the day was the swearing in of Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams in the Texas Senate Chamber. He is a treasured personal friend, having come to keynote the SD9 meeting last summer prior to his appointment.

Many dignitaries were present, including Congressional Members Kay Granger and Michael Burgess, Ambassador Tom Schieffer, Governor Perry and many other state officials. The filled chamber was a cross-section of Texas, from working men in Wranglers to the State's highest officials.

A reception followed, which Jane and I attended after going to the governor's SREC function.

Saturday was the SREC General Session. After approving the proxy report and appointments to non-SREC member positions on the Executive Campaign Committee, we went into executive session until lunch.

At the SREC Saturday luncheon, we heard from the party auxiliaries, such as the Texas Federation of Republican Women, College Republicans, Texas county Chair Association, and the republican National Hispanic Assembly. The Coalition and Auxiliaries Committee worked to recertify these groups after a mess was

left when the previous chair of that committee departed after not having recertification done in December. A man from the Young Republicans let the committee know his thoughts on the mishandled process. Jane and I both thought "Ride 'em Cowboy!"

After lunch we had a frank debate over a proposed resolution on the party's position on taxes. A resolution that had gone through committee was attempted to be substituted by another that had not gone through committee. We ended up tabling both.

Adjourned around 3:00 p.m., and headed home. I left wishing we had taken a stronger stand against a bill that raises taxes on 80% of Texans, making it a tax hike even if it is revenue neutral overall. It is now up to the Texas Senate to repair.

Tim Hoy

Tim Hoy is the SREC for Senate District 9.

Minutes from ARC meeting 4/28/05

The minutes were not provided as of the time of the newsletter's release.

Clint Burgess

3 Recipes are needed from each member for the 30th Anniversary Cookbook. E-mail the recipes to Laraine Bethke at laraine@jetcrew.com or mail them to ARC, P.O Box 14095, Arlington, TX 76094-1095. Recipes must be received by May 31st.

Head Shot Photos of all Club members are needed for the 2005 membership directory by May 31st. Have your picture taken at the May 26th meeting from 6-7 p.m. or after the meeting, or email a .jpg file photo to Dorrie O'Brien at dorrie@peakpeak.com.

2005 Memberships

Since the last newsletter

2004 Renewal ARC members since April newsletter

Sherry Rogers
Judge Elizabeth Berry
Judge Joe Bridges
Peggy Borchert
J. Luke
Manny Gagliardi
Garland Threlkeld
Sally Threlkeld
Walid Joulani
Donna Paxton
Orsen Paxton III
William Perdue
Victoria Perdue
Jim Bearden
Shana Bearden

2004 Renewals

Dave McElwee
Judge Sharen Wilson
Dr. Wiley Curtis
Warren Norred
Steve Willey
Bill McFadin
Ross Allmon
Carla Allmon
Judge Judith Wells
Gary Edwards
Kellye Swanda
Dean Swanda
Skip Leffler
Becky Leffler
Norm Driscoll

Dear Leslie and Officers of the Arlington Republican Club,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in the forum last night. It was well run, well attended, and very informational. I wanted my son to be a part of observing the political process and he got a professional example. Thank you again so much.

Paula Sterns



The ARC softball team won 18-8 over the NE Republican Club.



Homemade ice cream topped off the picnic.

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to club members with May and June birthdays:

(if we missed you, let us know)

- 5/04 Brenda Dietrich
- 5/05 Judy Saunders
- 5/05 Ellen Zedler
- 5/11 Everett Young
- 5/13 Tom Corbin
- 5/14 Donna Korman
- 5/16 John Meek
- 5/16 Judy Harris
- 5/24 Rep. Bob Griggs
- 5/25 Nita Cox

June

- 6/01 James Luttrell
- 6/02 Paul Enlow
- 6/03 Diane Cotter
- 6/08 Kathleen Smith
- 6/11 Dean Swanda
- 6/12 Kelly Swanda
- 6/15 Kathleen Shrauner
- 6/16 Sharon Holman
- 6/25 Amanda Torrealba
- 6/28 Van Van Ravensway
- 6/28 Paul Frances
- 6/29 John Baker

Thanks!!!!!!

Special thanks to Kennedale Mayor Jim Norwood for the floral arrangements for the Arlington City Council and School board Candidate Forum.

Many thanks as well to Fort Worth City Councilman Chuck Silcox for moderating the Candidate Forum.

30th Anniversary Gala

The ARC will celebrate our 30th Anniversary on our exact anniversary date, November 11th, with a dinner at the

Arlington Wyndham. The ARC will honor our Hometown Republican Leaders:

1. The Honorable Tom Vandergriff, Arlington High, class of 1943
2. The Honorable James Cribbs, Arlington High, class of 1949
3. Mr. Gary Martin, Arlington High, class of 1953
4. The Honorable Bob McFarland, Arlington High, class of 1959
5. The Honorable Chis Harris, Arlington High, class of 1966.

These honorees have all confirmed for November 11th.

Mark the 30th Anniversary Gala on your calendar.

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2 NEW APPOINTEES

Dr. Victoria Myers and John Holcomb have been appointed parliamentarians of the ARC. We greatly appreciate their service to the Club. Thank You Victoria and John.

politics, government and the media.” The institute proudly notes on their website that “Over the years, more than 40,000 of today’s conservative “movers and shakers” have turned to the Leadership Institute for their training needs.”

As an attendee at their seminar, I can assure you that they are serious in their intentions and deliver the goods. This was a practical, information-crammed seminar. So practical, in fact, that they started with the observation that the “Sir Galahad” approach to politics will not insure success. In other words, nice guys (like us) only finish first if they master the three elements of political technology- time, talent and treasure.

Barry Aarons and Dana Stevens taught the course. They were erudite and entertaining speakers, but not too complicated for a novice like myself to understand. They also educated us about the Institute itself, which you can learn more about at their website, www.leadershipinstitute.org. It was an enjoyable and informative day, particularly the sections on “analyzing your electorate” and “strategic research”. I would absolutely encourage anyone interested in practical politics to attend this seminar.

Lisa A. Callaghan



Judge Sharen Wilson and Mollee Westfall at the April meeting

Everyone is welcome at the ARC meetings each month.

Advertising to go in the 2005 membership directory or the 30th Anniversary Cookbook is due by May 31st. Pricing info and a registration form are in this newsletter.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 26th -- Gina Parker, attorney, speaking on Judicial Reform.

June 23rd -- “The GOP: What Do We Do Now?” Paul Stockard, Tarrant County Republican Party Vice Chairman, Outreach.

July 28th – James Cribbs, 3rd ARC President, “History of the Arlington Republican Club.”

August 25th – Pastor Dwight McKissic, Arlington Cornerstone Baptist: “Why I am a Bible Republican

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Totes and t-shirts cost \$10 each.

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Monday-Saturday
11-9
Closed Sunday

~ SANDWICHES ~

Sliced Beef	3.75
Chopped Beef	3.75
Smoked Turkey	3.75
Smoked Ham	3.75
Hot Link	3.75
Combination (2 Meats)	3.95
Sloppy Jo	1.50

~ PLATES ~

Bar-B-Q	9.95
(your choice of 1, 2 or 3 meats, Beef, Ribs, Turkey, Ham or Link & 2 Veg.)	
Rib Plate	9.95
($\frac{1}{2}$ slab & 2 veg.)	
Sandwich Special	5.95
(Sandwich & 2 Veg.)	

~ DRINKS ~

	Med.	Lg.
Soft Drinks	1.25	1.50
Tea (Sweet/Unsweet) ...	1.25	1.50
Longneck Beer	2.50	

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~ BY THE POUND ~

Pork Ribs	11.50
Sliced Beef	9.95
Chopped Beef	9.50
Smoked Turkey	9.95
Smoked Ham	9.95
Hot Links	9.50
Sloppy Jo	5.95

~ VEGETABLES ~

	Serv.	Pt.	Qt.	Gal.
Beans	1.25	3.25	5.75	22.00
Pot. Salad	1.25	3.25	5.75	22.00
Cole Slaw	1.25	3.25	5.75	22.00
Corn-on-the-Cob95
Chips49
Baked Potato*				2.95
(includes sour cream, margarine & cheese) may be substituted for 2 Veg. on plate				
Baked Potato*				5.95
(includes sour cream, margarine, cheese and your choice of chopped beef, turkey, ham or link)				

*Baked potatoes - lunch only

~ DESSERTS ~

Pecan Pie	2.00
Banana Pudding	2.00
Lemon Ice Box Pie	2.00

Monthly Club Meetings:

When you are attending our monthly club meetings, please remember to come early and eat dinner at Bodacious B-B-Q.

We are most appreciative of Fran, Mike and staff for reserving a meeting room for the club to use and honoring our special request items.

Do not forget, you can also buy B-B-Q by the pound to take home, but if you do this, be sure to order as you arrive or they may be out by the time our meetings are over.

The purpose of this effort is to increase our attendance numbers by just making sure all concerned clearly understand that there is no need to stop and eat on the way. Of course, it would also be nice if we could increase business for our host.

See you in the food line.

Thank you

Membership Directory:

Club membership directories are available to dues paid members only and will be available at each monthly meeting.

Club Objectives

"To build and promote the continuous growth of the Republican Party in the Arlington area with the objective being good government through an active and effective two party system, and to provide for the citizens of the Arlington area an organization in which to gain an education in political affairs, knowledge of current events, and an opportunity to contribute toward good government through active participation."

ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB



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for calendar year: 2005

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NEW: RENEWAL:

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