



# THE ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

**JANUARY, 2006  
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**January 26th, General Meeting  
TARRANT COUNTY  
CONTESTED RACES FORUM**

Judge, 322nd District Court:  
Nancy Berger,  
Frank Sullivan (incumbent)

Tarrant County Judge:  
Brian Salvant, Joyce Stevens,  
Glen Whitley

Tarrant County  
Criminal District Attorney:  
Kirk Claunch, Tim Curry (incumbent)

Tarrant County District Clerk:  
Pete Hinojosa,  
Tom Wilder (incumbent)

**February 23rd General Meeting  
TARRANT COUNTY  
CONTESTED RACES FORUM**

Judge, 324th Family District Court:  
Paul Enlow, Jerry Hennigan,  
John White

Judge, 325th District Court:  
Gene de Bullet,  
Judith Wells (incumbent)

Judge, 371st District Court:  
Mollee Westfall,  
James Wilson (incumbent)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7:  
Deborah Adame, Vera Bennett,  
Laraine Bethke, Casey Cole,  
Tom Corbin, Wayne Ogle

State Representative, District 94  
Kent Grusendorf (incumbent),  
Diane Patrick

**March 23rd General Meeting  
Arlington City Council and  
School Board Candidates**



Dear Republicans,  
Another exciting primary season is here! All of us should be working hard for our candidates of choice. The evening of March 7th will be an exciting night as we learn the names of the primary winners.

Many, many thanks to the Republicans who made the 30th Anniversary Gala, the reception with Governor Perry, and the Christmas Party with Secretary of State Roger Williams, possible.

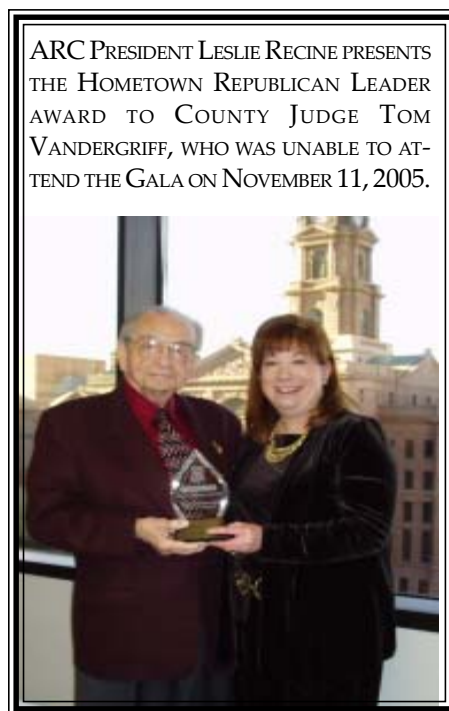
Please join us on Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 PM for dinner at Bodacious Bar-B-Q. The formal

meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, and the county-wide contested races candidate forum, 322nd District Court Judge, County Judge, District Attorney and District Clerk. Keep working hard for your candidate of choice in the primary.

Thank you for your dedication to the Republican Party.

Very Truly Yours,  
*Leslie Recine*

President,  
Arlington Republican Club



**Congratulations to  
Bob Bueker, the  
club's 300th  
member!**

**Please renew your  
2006 ARC member-  
ship ASAP—dues are  
delinquent after  
March 31st, and the  
membership roll will  
be purged on  
June 1st.**

**Membership  
application/renewal  
form can be found on  
the last page of the  
newsletter.**

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The ARC meets the 4th Thursday of every month, except November and December. Dues are \$20/person/year until 3/31/06, then they will be \$25/person/year.

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## Welcome New Members

The ARC is pleased to announce and welcome 27 new members, who joined between October and December, 2005:

George Barrett—  
Mayor Pro Tem, Kennedale  
Carolyn Carmen-Merrifield  
John Casey  
Tim Dahlin  
Linda Bierman Davis—  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2  
Eric Gonzales  
Reland Gonzalez  
Tom Guidry & Barbara Pruitt  
Mindy Huynh  
Ivonne Isaacs  
Bill James  
Kerri Johnson  
Robert Maurer  
Betty McGill  
Teresa McLaughlin  
Tom & Betsy Price—  
(Betsy: TC Tax Assessor/  
Collector)  
Robert Rivera—  
Arlington City Councilman  
Mike & Patsy Thomas—  
Mike: Judge, CDC #4  
Don Valdez  
Bill Waybourn  
Deb Wayne  
Tommy Whitman  
Glen Whitley  
Toy Wooley

### January and February Birthdays

1/01 Donnie Johnson  
1/13 Tom Price  
1/17 Amy Wilson  
1/19 Richard Centner  
1/21 Carol Hensley  
1/21 Debra Wayne  
1/24 Deanna Zimmerman  
1/27 Gary Edwards  
1/28 Malcolm McDow  
1/30 Yvonne Isaacs  
2/01 Brunetta Centner  
2/03 Susan Wright  
2/08 Jim Evans  
2/12 Don Cosby  
2/16 Eric "Bear" Manor  
2/16 Andy Piel  
2/26 Bill Harris  
2/28 Russell Casey

## Minutes, October 27, 2005

Anne Coker

President Leslie Recine called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Five club board members were present. Lisa Callaghan read the minutes from the September meeting, Treasurer Dale Attebery gave the Treasurer's report and an accounting of the money collected for the Gala on November 11.

Steve McCallum announced the progress for the Gala on November 11. Anne Coker gave the membership report, announcing that the club had reached 276 members. Leslie introduced the guests, elected officials, and precinct chairs present at the meeting. Lorraine Bethke introduced the guest speaker, Matt Moore, from the National Center for Policy Analysis. After his speech on "Social Security: Facts and Myths," the floor was opened for questions. Following the Q&A, Leslie reminded the members of the upcoming Gala and the Christmas Party at Amerquest Field, Judy Rupay's office, on December 4th. The meeting was then adjourned.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



ALICE & RALPH SOBEL were married 25 years ago in their native New York City. It must have

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*meets  
at*

**Bodacious**  
BAR-B-Q

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Candidate Forum protocol:

1. Surrogate speakers are not allowed.
2. Candidates will draw randomly for order. (Or, they can proceed in ballot order after a ballot draw.)
3. A podium will be available for the candidates to use, if they desire.
4. Each candidate will have two minutes to give a statement.
5. After each candidate has spoken, there will be a question segment.
6. Questions must be submitted in advance and in writing only.
7. Questions must be submitted to and answerable by both candidates.
8. Order will alternate during the question-and-answer period, i.e.: first question goes to Candidate 1, then Candidate 2; second question goes to Candidate 2, then Candidate 1; revolving order for races with more than two candidates.)
9. Each candidate will have one minute to answer a question.
10. There will be no rebuttal period.
11. The moderator will determine which of the questions will be asked, time permitting. No questions will be allowed from the floor.
12. Each candidate may give a one-minute closing statement.

## Alice and Ralph Sobel, January Member Spotlight

(from page 2)

been fate. She was probably the only thirty-something conservative Republican single woman in Manhattan and he was probably the only conservative Puerto Rican Jewish Republican single guy in the world. Since they only lived five blocks apart in the Murray Hill area it was a match made in geographical and political heaven.

The Sobels have lived in Arlington for 10 years, after 12 years in Miami, Fl. They had interesting careers in the apparel business with lots of international travel and U. S. trade shows. Alice worked for several firms in the women's textile market and later joined Ralph in his family's men's leather belt & wallet business, Canterbury. They moved here when Arlington-based Tandy Brands bought their company.

Alice retired when she came to Texas and is a past President of the Arlington Area Newcomers Club as well as a member of the Suburban Club and the North Texas Handknitters Guild. Ralph retired last year after nine years with Tandy. He is an avid golfer at Shady Valley with lots of room for improvement in his mediocre game. Ralph became somewhat notorious this past year when the Reader Advocate at the "Red" *Star-Telegram* dubbed him "the Bias Patrol" for his letters which chronicled their specific and consistent anti-Republican political coverage.

Alice & Ralph are both involved in their Interlochen neighborhood association and

are proud of their recent "Best Theme Award" for their Christmas decorations, which are inspired by their favorite New York department store window displays.

**Mark's Remarks**  
January, 2006

## Brokeback Mountain Shows How Out of Touch Hollywood Is

Have you noticed how ridiculous the new movies that have come out in the past few months have been? I bet none of you have had any desire to see them. Why? Because they all illustrate what's wrong with the liberal elite in this country, and especially the Hollywood crowd.

Have you seen *Rent*? About some 1989 homosexual actors all suffering from AIDS in NYC. Can you relate? Hollywood thinks the evil Ronald Reagan caused AIDS and did his best to spread it.

Have you seen *Transamerica*? It stars the wonderful actress Felicity Huffman as a transvestite. Are you dying to see it? I suspect the liberals want this movie shown in every public school in America. It's a lifestyle choice. Who are we to judge?

Have you seen *Good Night and Good Luck*? Starring uber-liberal George Clooney showing how evil conservative Republicans are. The liberals have been slamming Senator McCarthy for 60 years, and they just won't let it go. The only people they hate more than Richard Nixon and George Bush is Joe McCarthy. I wonder why this movie hasn't been a box office blockbuster?

Have you seen *The Producers*? Let's enjoy the wonderful songs including "Springtime for Hitler" and "Keep it Gay."

The king of all movies to avoid is *Brokeback Mountain*. I can't wait to see two handsome young male actors kiss on screen! Let's destroy the male archetype, the John Wayne-Clint Eastwood-Marlboro Man Cowboy! Don't you know all Cowboys are gay?

And Hollywood wonders why sales at the box office are down. They certainly aren't inviting us to the box office. Our values are insulted and impugned. It is guaranteed if you are a radical liberal and promote the gay lifestyle you are guaranteed an academy award!

*Mark R. Hanson, 49 is a precinct chair and election judge in North Arlington.*

## New Elections Administrator Named

The Tarrant County Elections Commission appointed a new Elections Administrator today. Steve Raborn, 39, the Elections Administrator for Fort Bend County, Texas, will take over the Tarrant County Elections Office on June 1, 2006.

"One of the many attributes from his resume that impressed us was that he has successfully implemented the same voting system that we purchased earlier this week for more than \$5 million," said County Judge Tom Vandergriff, who presided at the meeting.

Besides Vandergriff, other members of the Elections Commission are Tax Assessor-Collector Betsy Price, County Clerk Suzanne Henderson, Republican Party Chair Stephanie Kick and Democratic Party Chair Art Brender.



GOVERNOR RICK PERRY SPEAKS TO THE ARC ON NOVEMBER 16, 2005

SECRETARY OF STATE ROGER WILLIAMS SPEAKS AT THE ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 4, 2005



## Work Continues on Public School Finance Reform

by  
Senator Chris Harris, SD9



As many of you know, education and property tax reform are still unsettled issues despite several years of hard work designed to solve them. Even though we were unable to come up with a solution on this prickly area, I refuse to give up and am confident that we can create an effective plan this year.

After a Regular Legislative Session and two called special sessions within the last year alone, the Texas Legislature has made some progress in achieving the goals of lower property taxes and a better system for financing our public schools. Both houses of the Legislature have passed individual plans, but unfortunately have not been able to reach a consensus. While disappointed, I am encouraged with the progress that we did accomplish. After many hours of deliberations between all interested parties and Legislative leadership, we now have a better understanding of what options are available and understand what is needed to improve our schools overall.

Last November, Governor Rick Perry appointed a blue ribbon task force to make proposals modernizing our state tax system, and recommend solutions for long term property tax relief and public school financing. The committee, made up of business leaders from across the state and chaired by former Texas Comptroller John Sharp, is expected to hand down its proposals early this Spring. Additionally, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst has appointed a special Senate committee of his own to study the issue in depth as we prepare for another special session to be called in the next few months.

Finally, the Texas Supreme Court recently ruled that the state has an unconstitutional de-facto state-wide property tax, and has given the Legislature until June 1, 2006 to remedy the situation. I believe that ruling will be the impetus needed for Legislative leadership to work together to create a plan deciding the issue once and for all. I am committed to continuing the task at hand and believe the children of Texas deserve the best educational opportunities we have to offer.

## Success IS Success ARC 30th Anniversary Gala

by Barbara Thompson Grusendorf



THE DANCE THEATER OF ARLINGTON PERFORMS  
"FAVORITE SON."

The Arlington Republican Club now has 30 successful years as a viable political entity for the citizens of Arlington and Tarrant County. Started in 1975, thousands have benefited from the work, education, and opportunities provided by ARC. We are still hard at work providing the information and opportunity for good government in Arlington, Tarrant County, and the State of Texas.

The Arlington Republican Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary on the exact date, November 11, that it was started 30 years ago. This All-Star Gala featured keynote speaker Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and was emceed by our own hometown Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams. Other participants in the program included Congressman Joe Barton, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, and a host of elected officials and citizens throughout the area.



LT. GOVERNOR DAVID DEWHURST DELIVERS THE  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The theme "Honoring Our Hometown Republican Leaders" gave ARC the opportunity to say "Thank You" to several key Arlington leaders. We honored Judge Tom Vandergriff, Arlington High School class of '43; James Cribbs, class of '49; Arlington business leader, Gary Martin, Class of '53; Bob McFarland, class of '59; and Senator Chris Harris, class of '66. Each person took the stage in a talk-show-styled program which was hilariously hosted by Michael Williams and then Persis Ann Foster's Dance Theatre of Arlington entertained us with their very patriotic "Favorite Sons" dance routine.

As with any fundraiser, the bottom line is the mark of success. After hundreds of hours of work from our organizers, the list of table hosts, and program ads is just too long to mention. We are pleased to report the final results at the January meeting of the ARC. Success IS Success! Thanks to you ALL!!!

*Barbara is a long-time members, officer, and supporter of the ARC. She currently serves as 1<sup>st</sup> VP of the Republican Women of Arlington and is the editor of the RWA newsletter which won First Place as the Best TFRW Newsletter in the State. Barbara served as Presidential Elector for President George W. Bush in last year's campaign for District 6.*

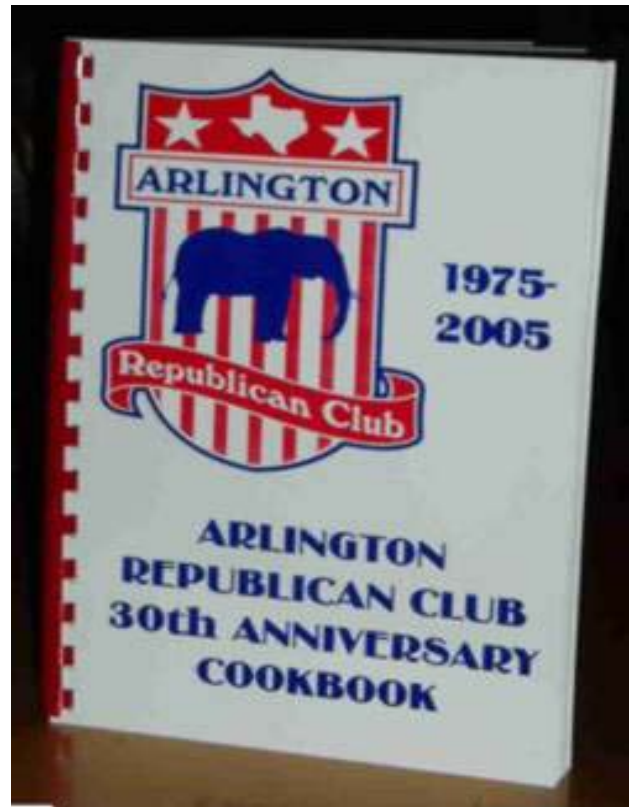


CONGRESSMAN JOE BARTON  
PRESENTS THE HOMETOWN  
REPUBLICAN LEADER AWARDS.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER MARTI VANRAVENSWAAY AND HER HUSBAND VAN (CENTER) PICTURED WITH THE HOMETOWN AWARDEES (L-R) JAMES CRIBBS, BOB MCFARLAND, SENATOR CHRIS HARRIS AND GARY MARTIN.

# ARC STORE



Caps (red only), \$12.00. Cookbook, \$15.00.  
Totebag, \$10.00. T-shirts (in both red or white,  
s-m-l-xl-xxl), \$10.00. All products available at club  
meetings.





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NEW:  RENEWAL:



for calendar year: 2006

(Revised 11/11/05)

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<b>NAME:</b> (1)		Registered Voter:	SUB - COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:	
(2) (spouse's first name)		YES: _____ NO: _____	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice: _____	
HOME ADDRESS:		Precinct # _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: _____	
		HOME PHONE/FAX: _____	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice: _____	
		HOME CELL: _____		
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		WORK PHONE/FAX: _____	(Notes)	
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			-2) Checks: make payable to Arlington Republican Club	
EMAIL ADDRESS(s):		HOME RESIDENT IN WHAT CITY: _____		
HOME:		and FOR HOW MANY YEARS: _____		
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(other)		and FOR HOW MANY YEARS: _____		
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SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE APPLICABLE TO ARC: (and / or general suggestions)				
OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION: (political activities, elected/appointed offices, etc.)				
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