

KCRW

newsletter

Note from the President

Hello Members,

Many of the membership attend the monthly meetings and listen to the various speakers who give us insights on the current events that help us form educated opinions but if you have you given thought to what you can actually 'do' to create changes or sway liberal voters to the more conservative aspect, please read on. Allow me to 'brag' about two ladies among us that are doing just that: Toni Anne Dashiell and Besa Martin, spearheaded an effort for TFRW to honor Representative Aaron Pena of Edinburg, Texas with the Champion of Freedom Award on June 17th in McAllen, Texas. Many of you will remember that Representative Pena was formerly a Democrat who switched to the Republican Party last year. The awards ceremony was solidly attended by more than 170 constituents and received Representative Pena's conservative messages in a very positive manner! Many other notable officials also participated. By Texas Federation Republican Women honoring Representative Pena, an opportunity presented itself to allow his constituents to hear about the values that we embrace and realize that they share the same ideals. This, ladies, is how two members from our own club are helping convert liberal thinkers into Republican voters. Toni Anne and Besa present a good example of how we all can make contributions to the same effort by sharing our visions with our friends and neighbors in non-confrontational ways. Each of us can make a real difference!

Check out the Republican float (pictured later in the newsletter) that many volunteers decorated for the Berges Fest parade in Boerne on June 18th. Despite the warm weather, the gang did a fabulous job of decorating the float and the flags distributed to the children along the parade route went fast! Thank you to the volunteers who turned out and made it such a big success. If you missed out on the fun, please plan to join us in Comfort on July 4nd for the 'July 4th Parade'! The 'float' is already decorated so just come and pass out flags to the children! Don't forget to bring sunscreen and wear your **red**. We will gather between 9:45 and 10:00 AM.

Speaking of **Red**: Bennye Waskom has your Go **Red** Gala tickets (\$75.) at 830-537-5811. You won't want to miss the opportunity to meet with the prospective candidates for US Senate on August 27th and enjoy a great evening of entertainment at Fair Oaks Country Club.

Thanks to all that made food donations for the local food bank at our June meeting. The Hill Country Daily Ministries Food Bank was most grateful. Also, special thanks to Bonnie Miertschin for handling secretarial duties during Susan Dietzmann's absence in May.

Have a great summer and I look forward to resuming our meetings in September.

Fran Graves, KCRW President



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TFRW July Legislative Article

Again, I need to caution you that this article is written three weeks before your receive it. Please double check Texas Legislature Online to make sure that the following information is still correct.

Bills that have been signed into law during the regular 2011 legislative session:

Voter ID (CSSB 14)

This bill will help ensure the integrity of the election process by addressing requirements to vote, including presenting a form of photo identification. This was signed by the Governor on May 27, 2011.

Sonogram (HB 15)

Prior to obtaining an abortion, a sonogram must be performed and a woman must be given the option to view the sonogram and hear the heartbeat of the fetus. This was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2011.

Eminent Domain (CSSB 18)

This bill will reform various aspects of the eminent domain law in the state of Texas. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2011.

Special Session

The Governor called a special session that began on May 31, 2011 in order to complete the work of the 82nd Legislative Session. The Governor must designate the specific legislation that will be discussed. Lt. David Dewhurst has already announced that the 2/3rds rule will be suspended and passage of legislation in the Senate will require a simple majority.

Legislation that is discussed in the special session is required to be refiled. Therefore, if you have been tracking bills throughout the regular session, you need to be aware that the bills are now located by referencing the numbers that are assigned in the special session, not the regular session. For instance SB 1811, filed in the regular session, is now SB1 in the special session.

In addition, please be aware that if you are searching for legislation, you need to verify that the correct session is located in the box in the center of the home page for Texas Legislature Online. Any legislation filed during the regular session should be noted under 82 (R) – 2011. Legislation filed during the special session should be noted under 82 (1) – 2011.

At the time I am writing this article, there are five issues designated for the special session. These issues are the funding bill, redistricting, sanctuary cities, the health care compact, and the windstorm insurance program for coastal area residents.

SB 1 will provide the funding for the State of Texas. Both the House and Senate have passed this legislation.

SB 4 is the bill for redistricting. To view the latest maps go to:

<http://www.texastribune.org/library/data/texas-congressional-redistricting-before-after/>

SB 7 will provide for a health care compact which would have allowed Texas to receive block grants for Medicare/Medicaid and given them more autonomy in the distribution of the grants. Senator Nelson said “Our Medicaid costs are unsustainable and this legislation is critically needed to make our health and human services operate more efficiently on behalf of those who depend on state services and those whose tax dollars support the services.”

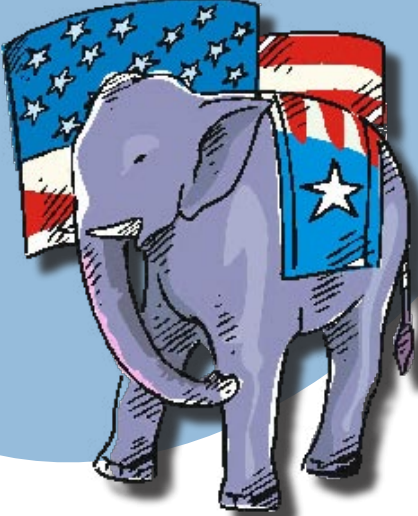
SB 9 addresses concerns that some cities are “sanctuary cities” for illegal immigrants by prohibiting the enforcement of state and federal immigration laws. This bill would prohibit local governmental entities from enacting policies or rules that would restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Legislation is also included in the special session that will decide issues with windstorm insurance program for coastal area residents.

Again, information pertaining to the Special Session changes daily. Go to Texas Legislature Online and check the latest information.

Submitted by Barbara Larson-Legislative Chair

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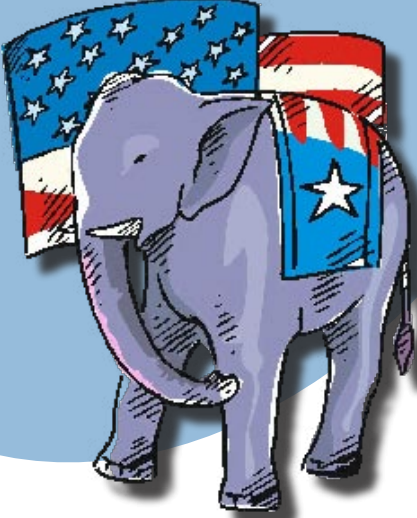
Berges Fest Parade

Boerne, Texas

July 18th



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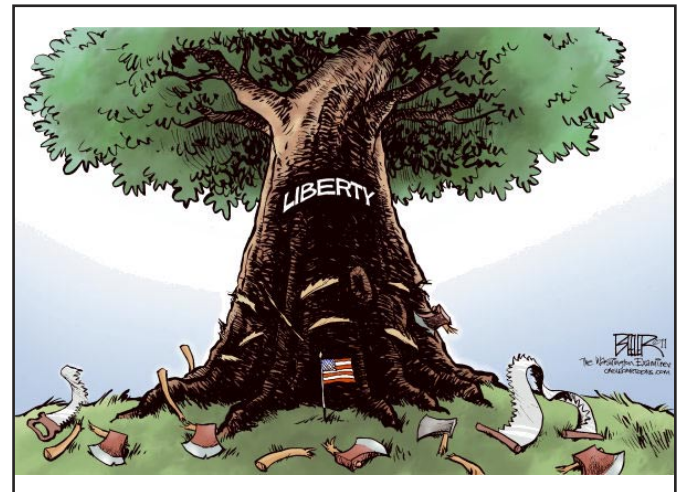
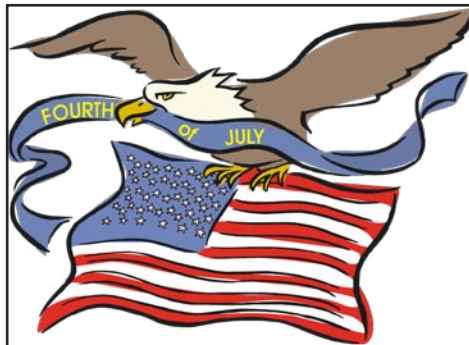
Upcoming Events:

August 4-5, 2011
TFRW Executive Committee
& Board of Directors Meeting
Austin, TX

August 27, 2011
Go Red Gala
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2011
36th Biennial NFRW Convention
Kansas City, MO

November 16-20, 2011
TFRW Convention
Fort Worth, TX



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