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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Six Cooke County Republican Women recently attended the TFRW Legislative Day in Austin. What a great opportunity to join 575 other Republican Women from across the great state of Texas all dressed in red jackets representing our local clubs. We were truly a sea of red in the galleys at both the House and Senate. We were recognized by Rep Drew Springer in the House and by Senator Craig Estes in the Senate.

We met with Senator Estes and discussed several bills with him. We also had dinner with Representative Springer. He had several bills he has been working on and was excited to share those with us.

Our luncheon had many outstanding speakers, including Governor Greg Abbott. At the luncheon we were recognized as an outstanding club in achieving our goal in participating in the Grassroots Club. Only eight clubs were recognized. Texas GOP Chairman, Tom Mechler, presented the award. I was honored to accept the award for our club.

Workshops were offered in the afternoon. I attended one led by Toni Ann Dashiell, National Committee Woman. Wow, what a fast and furious, not-stop workshop! It is truly motivating to be around so many other Republican women dedicated to the conservative values, beliefs and ideals of our party.

As president and a patron of our club I was invited to attend a reception at the Governor's mansion. It is a beautiful home and we should all be proud of our state for having this lovely home for our governor.

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Dennis Morrow with the Texas Border Volunteers

Mr. Morrow has recently served as the Vice President of Public Venues for the Texas Border Volunteers

First Christian Church, 401 North Dixon Street, Gainesville, Texas

President's Letter *(continued from Page 1)*

I love going to the State Capitol. I love walking the halls and looking at the portraits of the history makers of our state. And, I am always in awe of the men and women who are there making history today.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our club.

*God Bless America,
Dorothy Lewis,
2015 CCRW President*

It's Crunch Time for Membership Renewals

--Jamie Orsburn, VP Membership, 940-597-4720
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Well ladies and gents, we are 4 months into 2015, and I still have quite a few people who have not turned in their renewal membership forms and dues.

The deadline is fast approaching to turn in our reports to TFRW, which are used to determine how many delegates CCRW qualifies to send to the State Convention this fall.

We also need to have everyone's correct information for our 2015 Yearbook/Directory.

Our next meeting on **May 7th** will be **THE DAY** to turn in all forms and dues. Please help me to make sure that those members who you don't see regularly at our monthly meetings know that we need a new form every year, even if the information is the same.

*****See Membership Application/Form on page 8*****

Don't be surprised if we call you personally. We love our members and want to hear from you!

Please contact me with any membership questions. The membership dues are \$25.00 and associate members are just \$15.00.

You can mail your form and dues to
Jamie Orsburn
129 Shoshone Dr.
Lake Kiowa, TX 76240

If you have any questions, please call, text or e-mail me at (940) 597-4720 or
jamieorsburn715@gmail.com

Dennis Morrow of Texas Border Volunteers is May 7th Speaker

--Lynn Switzer, VP Programs, 940-665-6300
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At our next meeting, Cooke County Republican Women will be hosting Dennis Morrow with the Texas Border Volunteers. Mr. Morrow will talk about the work of the Texas Border Volunteers in identifying and reporting illegal immigrants to the Border Patrol.

They are active on the front line of this crisis, and Mr. Morrow will update us on the current state of the border and what else can be done to better protect our national sovereignty and security.

Cooke County Republican Women invite you to come and hear Mr. Morrow speak on May 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon Street in Gainesville, TX.

May Hospitality Team

--Nenia Kahl, Hospitality Chair, nmk67@hotmail.com

PLEASE e-mail me if you can help with food at our May 7th meeting. If you already signed up, don't forget!

We also need several volunteers to help set up prior to the meeting and clean up afterwards. Need 2 ladies for set up and about 4 for clean up. For set up, you need to be there by 4:30 pm, so that I can attend board meeting at 5:00 pm.

Again, please [e-mail](mailto:nmk67@hotmail.com) me if you can help.

Southern Republican Leadership Conference in OKC, OK

The Southern Republican Leadership Conference is being held in Oklahoma City on May 21-23. This is always a good opportunity to hear Presidential candidates and participate in a straw poll. The Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women is hosting a breakfast with Carly Fiorina just for Republican women, and they have invited Texas to be special guests. For more information and registration information go to their website at www.srlc.gop.

If you would like to go contact Dorothy Lewis at dorothy@rldl.us.

TFRW State Convention Survey

Hi there!! I'm Vicky Keller, the Off Site Events & Tours Chair for your upcoming TFRW State Convention (November 5-7 in Lubbock). Since moving to Lubbock 2 years ago, there are so many things I would like to share with you while you're here, but it's so hard to choose!

We've created a survey and your club's input would be greatly appreciated. Don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or problems with the survey.

Thank you for your participation!

Vicky Keller

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Click the link below or type in your browser to being survey...

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=urQoWlOtjPCqfMHB0NnwA_3D_3D

Legislatively Speaking

--Sharon L. McCormack, Legislative Chair, 817-996-3265
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Drew Springer, State Rep., reports that the Open Carry HB 910 passed through the Texas House to expand and protect the second amendment rights of responsible gun owners. He also reports on the House tax plan: It would provide nearly 5 billion in tax relief for every individual and business in Texas by cutting the franchise tax by 25% and reducing sales tax from 6.25% to 5.95%. The Texas House Budget plan would strengthen the backbone of House District 68 by providing tax cuts to everyone, including small business.

Senator Craig Estes spoke at the BYOG function at Fossil Pointe. He pointed out that the Senate plan backs property tax reductions. If you own a home or property, you know Texas has comparatively high property taxes, and a reduction was a top priority of Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. The Senate plan is backed by Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, Freshman Senator Paul Bettencourt, and Lt. Gov. Patrick.

U.S. Congressman, Rep. Mac Thornberry reported in his newsletter that FBI Director James Comey has written a powerful reminder that there is unimaginable evil in the world, that we cannot be afraid to face it, and that the nature of man requires limited government to protect us. Spending a week in Eastern Europe recently, Congressman Thornberry was reminded of the tremendous cruelty and suffering those people have experienced and how they look to the United States as the primary force for good in the world. The same is true for all of those facing the barbarism of ISIS, Al Qaeda, and other groups. Congressman Thornberry recently

shared at article which you can read – please go to [washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-scariest-lesson-of-the-holocaust/2015/04/16](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-scariest-lesson-of-the-holocaust/2015/04/16) to read James Comey's commentary on why he requires all FBI agents to visit the Holocaust Museum. It was recently published as an op-ed in The Washington Post on April 17, 2015. It is a lesson in what humanity is capable of.

BYOG 2015 - Special Note of Thanks

--Pauline Lesch, Vice Chair, Cooke County Republican Party
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The CCRP thanks Cooke County Republican Women for being a "Stand Your Ground" Sponsor for the BYOG 2015. In addition, the following Members and Associate Members helped make the event a success, and we appreciate their contributions of time and money:

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There are no Bonus Pages this month.

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www.nfrw.org "Member Center" login is

Username: **federation**; Password: **nfrw1938**

www.tfrw.org Member login is

Email **tfrw@tfrw.org**; Password: **tfrw2012**



**Texas Federation
of Republican Women
LEGISLATIVE DAY,
APRIL 16, 2015**

CCRW joined other Texas RW in the House gallery, met with Sen. Craig Estes, and had dinner with Rep. Drew Springer



CCRW delegation (l-r): Dorothy Hesse, Susan Hughes, Dorthy Lewis, Jamie Orsburn, Dianne Helms, LaVerna Nasche

President Dorthy Lewis received an award from TFRW and the Republican Party of Texas in recognition of CCRW members support and contributions to the RPT's Grassroots Club Program.

She was also part of the Patron group who toured the Governor's mansion.

See the President's Letter on page 1 for more details about Legislative Day.



BYOG 2015 Results

--Keith "K.O." Orsburn, County Chairman
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The Cooke County Republican Party's BYOG 2015, "Bring Your Own Gun" Sporting Clays Shoot, took place on Saturday, April 18, at Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds, Decatur. A team sponsored by Handy Foods, Inc. took first place with a score of 344. The team, led by Phil Bellows, included Richard Ooten, Jim Lillis and Alan Cravens. Ooten, hitting 95 out of 100 clays, also won the "Top Gun" title as the high individual shooter.



"Top Gun" Richard Ooten and Keith "K.O." Orsburn



Top Team, left to right, Richard Ooten, Jim Lillis, Alan Cravens and Phil Bellows, sponsored by Handy Foods, Inc.

The Muenster Drilling Company team placed second at 309. Led by Matthew Grewing, the team included Clay Knabe, Dustin Hesse and Curtis Hesse.



2nd Place Team from Muenster Drilling Company: Matthew Grewing, Clay Knabe, Curtis Hesse and Dustin Hesse.

The third place team, with a score of 299, consisted of Senator Craig Estes and the Muenster State Bank shooters, Robert Weinzapfel, J.D. Bartush and John Klement.



3rd Place Team: Senator Craig Estes, third from left, shot with the Muenster State Bank team of John Klement, J.D. Bartush and Robert Weinzapfel.

Senator Estes spoke briefly during lunch, talking about the current legislative session, the budget battle, and the passage of the "open carry" bill that he sponsored in the Texas Senate.

Meet the Members! Two outstanding Republican Women have served as our Republican County Chair.

Debbie Hess Activist, Precinct Chair, Vice Chair & County Chair of the 1980's

Born: Muenster, TX Graduated: Muenster High School Family: Spouse Doyle; 4 children; 4 grandchildren

Debbie remembers marching on her street carrying a "Vote for Johnson" sign when she was about eight years old. Like many other southerners, she grew up in an area that had been controlled by the Democratic Party for a century. In the 1980s, volunteer for the party that was aligned with her conservative views, the young mother took a leadership role in the fledgling Cooke County Republican Party as an Election Judge, as a Precinct Chairman, as Vice Chairman, and then as County Chair.

"Our big challenge was to get people to accept the Republican Party," Debbie said. At the time, conservatives were afraid to file for local office, for fear of recrimination. The intimidation at one point took the form of vandalism of the Republican office. So Debbie and a small group of dedicated activists campaigned, block-walked, and held fundraisers for state and federal candidates. "And we brought people into town!" she noted, rattling off a long list of candidates from that time. The Republican Party of Texas and the candidates were excited about expanding their voter base. Campaign signs often "went missing", but the group persisted. "Our message to Cooke County voters was 'Now you have a choice!'" Debbie recalled.

Debbie's other priority was building the Party's infrastructure. "Baptism by fire" could describe her political education. When she volunteered to help conduct the Republican Primary in the early 1980s, she arrived in the Courthouse basement—the one Republican voting location for the entire county—and found herself in charge. With no training. With clerks who had never worked an election before. But with a big book, the Election Code. She read the book and they figured it out together. She started meeting people who mentored her, one of whom was U.S. Representative from Dallas, Jim Collins, who gave up his seat in Congress to challenge Democratic Senator Lloyd Bentson in 1982. She learned from the Republican Party of Texas, and from the Secretary of State. And from a new friend she met through Jim Collins, Pat Peale.

With a small group of committed conservative volunteers, Debbie recruited and trained Precinct Chairmen, Election Judges, and Pollwatchers. Under her leadership, the Party held County Conventions every two years, and sent delegates to the State Convention. CCRP opened 13 precincts for voting out of a total of 24. She stepped down as County Chair when her children needed more Mom time. She also felt that the Party needed someone more centrally located and with more time to devote to its continued growth.

Over the years Debbie has volunteered her energy and common sense approach to the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, Sacred Heart School, and a family business, Turtle Hill Golf Course and Conference Center. Her husband Doyle is the owner of Muenster Drilling Co., Inc.



Patricia Peale Vice-Chair 1992-1994; County Chair 1994-1999

Born: Miami, Florida College: Bachelor of Science degree from Simmons College, Boston
Family: Spouse Mundy (8/23/1934-7/8/2009); Sons Mundy III & Lalon "Clipper", Daughter Danielle; 7 Grandchildren

Pat started college at the University of Miami, where she was a Cheerleader and Secretary of the Young **Democrats**, who were so conservative they supported the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign. "Growing up in Miami, there was no Republican Party, no Republican Primary." After graduating from college, she was a dietician at Bath Memorial Hospital in Maine and at Harvard Business School.

It's a good thing Pat enjoyed travel. She and her husband Mundy, an executive with Ford Motor Company, moved 23 times, including 3-1/2 years in Brazil where Danielle was born. She has been in every one of the 50 states, and she led 16 "Strike Force" campaigns. In recent years, she's taken several "around the world" cruises, lasting as long as three months.

Pat had similar comments about many of the places she lived. "I got involved with the local Republican Party" and "I worked on a campaign there" and "I helped start a Club there." Wherever she landed, Pat used her energy and know-how to promote the Republican Party and candidates. When they settled in Dallas, she went right to work at the

Republican Headquarters where she worked fundraisers and helped form the Dallas County Republican Women's Club, where she served as VP-Fundraising. She served on the RPT Executive Committee for 6 years, and was involved in many civic organizations. She was named outstanding volunteer for Jesuit in Dallas, and nationally by Tri Delta, a philanthropic sorority that raises money for St. Jude's and for local Children's Cancer Charities.

She and "Mun" bought the lake house at Lake Kiowa around 1980, while living in Dallas, and moved to "the Lake" in the early 1990s. During that decade, she got involved with Cooke County politics, first being assigned by the Republican Party of Texas to review what the party considered questionable election procedures. "In those days, we had no friends on the Commissioners Court," Pat recalled. "I'd walk in with the Election Code and say, 'we need to do it this way.' And the response would be, 'no, that's not how we do it here.' Everything was a battle." She said the success of the Party in those years hinged on being proactive, with things like weekly broadcasts on KGAF featuring politics, elections, and interviews with candidates; organizing the first campaign training school; recruiting conservatives to run on the Republican Party ticket; and the founding of CCRW in 1991. She was CCRW's Tribute to Women Honoree in 1994, and served as Club President from 2002-2003. In 2001, TFRW honored Pat as one of the State's "Top 10 Republican Women." She served on the TFRW Board as Senate District 30 Director for many years.

Pat plans to be back home at "the Lake" soon. You can write to her at The Plaza at Edgemere, Room 224, 8502 Edgemere Rd., Dallas, TX 75225.

NEXT MONTH: Are you currently serving, or do you know any Cooke County Republican Women who are currently serving on a Board of a charitable or civic organization?

Let me know who you/they are! We don't want to miss anyone!

Call or text Pauline Lesch at 214-212-9417, or email to plesch@ntin.net with comments or suggestions.

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2015 Nominations.	TBD	

Help Wanted:

**Don't just join:
GET INVOLVED!**

Interested in working on a CCRW project, or serving on a Committee? Put your talents to work! Call the Committee Chairman, or contact 2015 President Dorothy Lewis 940-665-8289, dorothy@rldl.us

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 2015
27 – Monday, 7 pm Republican Eagle Club, The Woolf Den, 1901 W. California Street, west of NCTC.

May 2015
7 – Thursday, 5 pm CCRW Board Meeting
7 pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

9 – Saturday, 7 am LOCAL ELECTIONS

21-23 – Southern Republican Leadership Conference
Oklahoma City, OK

25 – MEMORIAL DAY – No Eagle Club Meeting

June 2015
4 – Thursday, 5 pm CCRW Board Meeting
7 pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

September 2015
10-13 –NFRW 38th Biennial Convention
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa
Phoenix, AZ
www.nfrw.org/programs/convention

November 2015
5-7 –TFRW Convention, “Strength in Unity”, Lubbock, TX
www.larw.org/TFRW-2015-Convention.html

Find CCRW on the County Party website--
www.cookegop.com/ccrw

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Commissioner Precinct 2 B. C. Lemons (R)	668-5482
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County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R)	668-5424
County Clerk Rebecca Lawson (R)	668-5420
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Cooke County Republican Women

2015 Membership Application & Yearbook Information

Date: _____ Check if New Member _____ or Renewing Member _____

(Renewals are due by March 1, 2015, per Bylaws.)

Republican Women: Check if ___ Active Member or ___ Active/Supporting Member

2015 Dues: \$25.00 Cash: ___ or Check # _____ (personal checks only)

\$25 includes membership in CCRW (\$10); Texas Federation of Republican Women (\$5); National Federation of Republican Women (\$10)

PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE ALL ITEMS:

Name _____ Email _____

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Mailing Address _____

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Preferred Ph# _____ H W C Alternate Ph# (if any) _____ H W C

Circle letters to identify type of phone: H = Home; W = Work; C = Cellular

Occupation _____ (required for PAC reporting to Texas Ethics Commission)

Optional: Spouse Name _____ Occupation _____

Associate Members: *Republican men, and women who are members of other TFRW clubs, are eligible to join CCRW as Associate Members.*

Associate Dues: \$15.00 Cash: \$ _____ or Check # _____

Please fill out the above contact information, including occupation.



Make check payable to: Cooke County Republican Women

Mail to: **Jamie Orsburn**
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