



President's Letter

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We have an exciting fall kickoff planned for the September meeting. We hope to get everyone rounded up and motivated for the coming election year. There will be a fish fry with all the trimmings, fund raisers, speakers and maybe a little patriotic music. So put the date on your calendar and gather up all you friends.

With 16 candidates running for president it will be a very busy and very important primary. And an even more important general election. The 2016 presidential election will determine the very future of our nation.

I don't know how you feel, but right now I feel like we are on an out of control train

heading for a disaster. I heard people comment that there is no turning back, that we can never undo what has happened to this great nation. But I really like that old saying "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." How tough are we, ladies? Are we going to sit back and wring our hands and say "oh, woe is me?" Or are we going to stand together, let our voices be heard, help get out the vote, and support conservative, principled candidates?

Legendary publisher Horace Greeley wrote: "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, and riches take wings. Only one thing endures and that is character." As we go through the process of choosing our next president, carefully consider the character of each candidate. Actions speak louder than words.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

God Bless America,

Dorothy Lewis, 2015 CCRW President

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www.nfrw.org



VICTORY 2016 ROUNDUP AND FISH FRY

Thursday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.

Senator Craig Estes

WILL BE JOINING US TO HELP US KICK OFF **VICTORY 2016!**

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



COOKE
COUNTY

Republican
WOMEN

VICTORY 2016

ROUNDUP AND *FREE FISH FRY*

WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 at 7pm

First Christian Church

401 N. Dixon St.

Gainesville, TX 76240

ALL **REPUBLICANS** ARE INVITED,
members and guests, young and old,
those considering running on the **Republican** ticket
and their families and all **Republican** supporters!

Senator Craig Estes, Senate District 30

will be joining us to help us kickoff

Victory 2016!

This will also be the kickoff for our

200 REPUBLICAN ENVELOPE CHALLENGE!

For more information contact Lynn Switzer, 940-665-6300 or Dorthy Lewis, 940-736-5871

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From your Cooke County Republican Party . . .

Build up to 2016 local races begins; DA Warder not running for reelection

--Pauline Lesch, CCRP Vice Chair, plesch@ntin.net

Although filing for a place on the March 1 Primary Ballot doesn't take place until November 14-December 14, 2015, incumbents and potential candidates are starting to line up. One race that should garner a lot of interest is for District Attorney, because District Attorney Janice Warder has announced that she will not run for reelection. Janice has held the office since December 1, 2008. (See *Janice in this month's "Meet the Members"*.)

Potential candidates can start their campaigns at any time, but—after doing the “homework”—**Step #1 should be the same for everyone: Make sure you have an appointment of campaign treasurer filed with the appropriate authority.** If running for local office, that would be County Clerk Rebecca Lawson.

The “homework?” Stay out of trouble by researching the information at the Texas Ethics Commission and Texas Secretary of State websites. Helpful links: “Campaign Finance Guide for Local Candidates and Officeholders Who File With Local Authorities” https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf and “Candidate Information” on the Texas Secretary of State website <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/index.shtml>.

Local races on the March 1, 2016 Primary Ballot

The following offices will be up for election in 2016:
District Judge, 235th Judicial District
District Attorney, 235th Judicial District
County Commissioner, Precinct 1
County Commissioner, Precinct 3
County Sheriff
County Attorney
County Tax Assessor Collector
Constable, Precinct 1
Constable, Precinct 4

Candidates have no obligation to contact the local party in order to seek a place on the Primary ballot, until actual filing takes place November 14-December 14. However, getting involved by attending CCRP events such as Eagle Club meetings, and joining and attending meetings of the Cooke County Republican Women can be beneficial to their campaigns.

Filing for Precinct Chair positions

September 15 is the first day for CCRP to accept applications from individuals who would like to serve

as Precinct Chairs (deadline December 14). Precinct Chairs will be elected at the March 1 Primary, and serve for two years. A Precinct Chair must reside in the Precinct he/she is applying to represent. Contact County Chair Keith “K.O.” Orsburn, koatty84@gmail.com, or Vice Chair Pauline Lesch plesch@ntin.net for more information and/or for an application.

Advertising Opportunities for Public Officials, Candidates, and Others

CCRW is a starting back up our program designed for public officials and candidates who want to promote their campaigns to our members, from now until the Primary Election next spring.

Individuals can also advertise for their business products and services. (We are prohibited from accepting corporate funds.)

This is a means of bringing information to our members, as well as raising money to support CCRW projects.

Local and state officials and campaigns may advertise; no federal candidates. No corporate checks. The advertiser must provide the artwork, preferably in Word or PDF format. The following rates are a one-time charge:

Full page	\$250
1/2 page	\$150
1/4 page	\$90
1/8 page (Business Card size) . .	\$50

Once an ad and payment have been received, the ad will appear in each issue of *The Republican Women's VOICE* until the Primary Election. The ads will appear in color (if provided in color) for members who receive the newsletter electronically, as well as in the newsletter posted on CCRW's Facebook page. In addition, there is a link to the current CCRW newsletter on the Cooke County Republican Party's website, www.cookegop.com.

The ads will be in black and white for members who receive printed copies of the newsletter via US Mail.

Starting 12:00am September 4, 2015 you can email ads to: rosina@kiowaonline.net and tankhess@hotmail.com The way we receive them is the way we will list the ads in the VOICE.

Mail checks to: Rosina Salsman,
1908 County Road 281
Gainesville, TX 76240

Legislatively Speaking

--Sharon L. McCormack, Legislative Chair, 817-996-3265
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The Iran Deal Is Bad For America

As Americans learn the dangerous details of President Obama's deal with Iran, Republican leaders should admit their mistake in passing Senator Bob Corker's (R-TN) bill that reversed the process for treaty ratification.

Under the Corker procedure, Obama can make a nuclear arms treaty involving Iran with the concurrence of just one-third of each house of Congress, instead of two-thirds of Senators as the Constitution specifies. As Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) said when he voted against the Corker bill, "A nuclear-arms agreement with any adversary- especially the terror-sponsoring, Islamist Iranian regime- should be submitted as a treaty and obtain a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate as required by the Constitution."

The power to make treaties is one of the most important powers of a sovereign government, and the U.S. Constitution is very specific about who can exercise that power. As clearly set forth in Article 2, Section 2, treaties may be made by the President only with the advice and consent of the Senate, "provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur."

Obama thinks he can exercise this power unilaterally, and the Council on Foreign Relations has been on record for years as saying that the treaty clause is part of our Constitution they would most like to change.

We can thank our Founding Fathers for setting a high bar for ratification by the U.S. Senate, so that previous dangerous treaties were rejected.

In addition to Obama's Iran deal disobeying the rules in the U.S. Constitution about treaty ratification, and in addition to the dangerous and unacceptable risk that Iran might develop a nuclear weapon, the deal gives Iran plenty of money to challenge the United States in missiles and space weapons. Iran has already launched four satellites into space capable of carrying a nuclear weapon.

It is important to contact Senators, Republican and Democrat, to insist they defeat this dangerous treaty deal with Iran!

Conservative Principles

<http://www.texasgop.org/conservative-principles/>:

"Republican philosophy is a true reflection of traditional Texas values. It is these values core Republican principles that will sustain Texas into the future and continue to make our State strong, prosperous and proud. *We support:*

Strong Families Families intent on giving their children the hope of a better tomorrow, the promise of a safe and secure today, and an appreciation and respect of yesterday.

Principled, Innovative Leadership Principled leaders with an understanding of Texas' heritage and a clear vision for Texas' future. Leadership that is unwavering in the face of criticism, steadfast when confronted with adversity, and committed to building a better State.

Limited Government A government that promotes policies to unlock individual potential and unleash economic growth. Government that does not try to be all things to all people.

Honest Compassion A society assisting those in need rather than a government trying to solve every problem by just throwing more money at it.

Opportunity For All The opportunity to chart one's own course, start a business, chase a dream, or build a life regardless of gender, race, or religion.

Quality Education An educational system that prepares children for tomorrow's workplace regardless of race, wealth or geographical location. Education is the bedrock of freedom and the gateway to opportunity.

Personal Responsibility Individuals taking personal responsibility for their own actions and a criminal justice system based on this idea. With freedom comes responsibility.

Freedom Freedom that is God given, affirmed by our Founding Fathers, articulated in the Declaration of Independence, and protected by the Constitution.

Rugged Individualism The entrepreneurial spirit of the individual that continues to solidify Texas as a world economic power."

Dessert needed for our September 3rd Victory 2016 Roundup and Free Fish Fry

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

CUPCAKES! We need volunteers to bring CUPCAKES for our Victory 2016 Roundup and Fish Fry! The rest of our dinner is being provided free of charge!

Let's see what a beautiful, delicious and tasty variety of **CUPCAKES** we can assemble! **Please CALL ME to let me know if you are bringing CUPCAKES!**

Blessings to all, Nenia K, (c) 940-641-2922

Press Release June 17, 2015

Secretary Cascos draws constitutional amendment order for November 3 Election

Austin, TX—Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos drew for the ballot order of the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution to appear on the November 3 ballot.

“This is an opportunity for Texans to directly affect the foundational governing document for our state,” said Secretary Cascos. “I encourage all eligible Texans to register to vote and participate in the constitutional amendment election this fall.”

Proposed changes to the state constitution must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members of both the Texas House and the Texas Senate. Texas voters then have the opportunity to approve the amendments with a majority vote.

Below is the ballot order for the constitutional amendment election:

Proposition 1 (SJR 1)

“The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property.”

Proposition 2 (HJR 75)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.”

Proposition 3 (SJR 52)

“The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital.”

Proposition 4 (HJR 73)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.”

Proposition 5 (SJR 17)

“The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.”

Proposition 6 (SJR 22)

“The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.”

Proposition 7 (SJR 5)

“The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.”

For more information about voting in Texas, visit <http://VoteTexas.gov>.



COMPUTER CORNER
www.COOKEGOP.com/ccrw

Log on to www.cookegop.com for postings of news articles, as well as this newsletter and previous newsletters. (click on “Republican Women”).
www.cookegop.com/ccrw.

Be sure to “LIKE” CCRW on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/CookeCountyRepublicanWomen

NFRW and TFRW "Members Only" Section Logins:

www.nfrw.org

“Member Center” login is:

Username: federation
Password: nfrw1938

www.tfrw.org

Member login is:

Email: tfrw@tfrw.org
Password: tfrw2012

Meet the Members! Meet Republican Women who are currently serving as volunteers on boards of local

non-profit and/or civic organizations. Two CCRW members are executive directors for non-profit organizations in Cooke County. Angie Hare at United Way of Cooke County, and Vicki Robertson at CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates. Many members are volunteers at these and other non-profits, and many serve on their Boards of Directors.

The following members who are Directors were featured in past issues of *The VOICE*:

Jamie Orsburn (March), Butterfield Stage

Lynn Switzer (March), Frank Buck Zoological Society

Phyllis Griffin (April), VISTO-Volunteers In Service To Others

Debbie Hess (May), Muenster Chamber of Commerce

Sharron Acker (June), VISTO; Callisburg Independent School District

Carolyn Powell (June), Soroptimist of Gainesville; CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates

Rosina Salsman (June), Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department

This month we feature another Board volunteer.

Janice Warder – Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center

Born: Morgantown, West Virginia Graduated: West Virginia University-Bachelors of Science-Education, and Masters-Secondary Education (History & Political Science); Southern Methodist University-Law Degree

Family: Spouse Lee; Son Tom and wife Kim, and grandson Jordon who live in Weatherford

Pets: 4 dogs, 4 horses, and her cat, 5 yr. old Morgan

Hobby: Enjoys kayaking and water sports

CCRW: Since 2007; has served as VP-Programs, Bylaws Chairman, and Parliamentarian

Joined Abigail's Arms Board of Directors; serves on the Child Advocacy Task Force



Sweethearts Janice and Lee got married right after high school. When she was almost finished with her Masters Degree, Lee was transferred to Decatur to run a glass company there. Janice taught history and political science in high school for three years before heading to SMU. Then, with her law degree in hand, she joined the Dallas County District Attorney's office, and served as an Assistant DA to legendary Democrat Henry Wade for six years, and then for Republican John Vance for six years. Both were mentors, but it was Vance who encouraged her to run for District Judge in 1992. And it was Pat Peale, at the time very active in Dallas County politics, who hosted the first fundraiser of Janice's campaign. She won and took office December 1, 1992, serving on the bench until the end of 2006.

Janice lost her 2006 reelection bid the same year President George W. Bush lost majorities in both houses of Congress. A Democratic wave swept Dallas County as well. After serving as a District Judge there for 14 years, she and husband Lee decided it was a good time to forsake the big city and turn their vacation house at Moss Lake into their retirement home. Lee retired, and Janice thought she had, too. But then a great force of nature—her old friend Pat Peale--and others encouraged her to run for District Attorney in Cooke County. She won that election and took office in October 2008. She won reelection in 2012. Now she has decided to try retiring again: Janice has announced that she will not run for reelection next year.

What will she do to keep herself busy in retirement? "Oh, I'm sure I'll find something," she said with a smile. Janice already has found Abigail's Arms, and she is passionate about the mission of the family crisis center to eradicate child abuse from our community. She is currently serving on the task force for the establishment of a Child Advocacy Center. A CAC must meet all Texas standards and statutory requirements outlined in the Texas Family Code. In addition, each Center must raise \$55,000 to qualify for matching funds from the Child Advocacy Centers of Texas. Volunteering for Abigail's Arms and spending more time with her high school sweetheart, her family and her pets are sure to be high on her list of retirement activities. And as a retired District Judge, she can sit as a visiting judge anywhere in Texas. So, she just might be dusting off the black robe in years to come!

NEXT ISSUE:

We will try to bring you the last two RW who serve on Boards of non-profit organizations here in Cooke County. They are:

Pam Cooper – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Monica Lamb – ABBA (All Babies Born Alive)

Call or text Pauline Lesch at 214-212-9417, or email to plesch@ntin.net with comments or suggestions for future "Meet the Members" stories.

STANDING COMMITTEES/2015 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs)	Lynn Switzer	940-665-6300
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Bylaws	Rebecca Lawson	940-665-1889
Chaplain	Sharron Acker	940-612-0073
Caring for America	Christi Klement	940-759-2937
Historian	Tiffany Lester	940-726-6016
Hospitality	Nenia Kahl	940-641-2922
Legislative	Sharon McCormack	940-668-6762
Literacy	Debi Zielinski	940-727-9617
Membership (VP-Membership) . . .	Jamie Orsburn	940-597-4720
Parliamentarian	LaVerna Nasche	940-736-1954
Political Action (PAC Treasurer) . .	Marci Gilbert	940-634-3733
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2014 Financial Review	Pauline Lesch	940-726-3954
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 Dorthy Lewis 940-665-8289, dorthy@rldl.us

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 2015

31 – Monday, 7 pm Republican Eagle Club Meeting at The Woolf Den: All Republicans are invited! Come early for dinner (“Dutch Treat”)! Speaker: The Honorable Janelle Haverkamp, 235th District Court Judge

September 2015

3 – Thursday, 5 pm CCRW Board Meeting
7 pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
VICTORY 2016 ROUNDUP AND FREE FISH FRY
First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

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

28 – Monday, 7 pm Republican Eagle Club Meeting at The Woolf Den, followed by the Quarterly Meeting of the Cooke County Republican Party’s County Executive Committee

October 2015

19-30 – Monday-Friday 8 am-5pm Early Voting for Constitutional Amendments Election

November 2015

3 – Tuesday, 7 am-7pm Election Day: Constitutional Amendments Election
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.
If you want to receive the newsletter via email instead of U.S. mail, please contact Rosina Salsman at rosina@kiowaonline.net

Cooke County Elected Officials

County Judge Jason Brinkley (R)	668-5435
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Commissioner Precinct 2 B. C. Lemons (R)	668-5482
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Commissioner Precinct 3 Al Smith (R)	668-5483
alan.smith@co.cooke.tx.us	
Commissioner Precinct 4 Leon Klement (R)	668-5484
leon.klement@co.cooke.tx.us	
County Court at Law Judge John Morris (R)	668-5461
County Attorney Ed Zielinski (R)	668-5459
County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R)	668-5424
County Clerk Rebecca Lawson (R)	668-5420
Tax Assessor-Collector Billie Jean Knight (R)	668-5425
County Sheriff Terry Gilbert (R)	665-3471
Justice of the Peace:	
JP Precinct #1 Dorthy Lewis (R)	668-5463
JP Precinct #4 Carroll Johnson (R)	726-3539
Constable:	
JP Precinct #1 Chris Watson (R)	736-0934
JP Precinct #4 Russ Harper (R)	231-7662

235th Judicial District:

District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R)	668-5401
District Attorney Janice Warder (R)	668-5466
District Clerk Susan Hughes (R)	668-5450

CCRP Headquarters:
Keith “K.O.” Orsburn, Chairman 665-8683

Cooke County Republican Women

2015 Membership Application & Yearbook Information

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

*New Member Special: 8/1/2015-10/31/2015 NEW MEMBER DUES ARE ONLY \$15.00 (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 _____

Check here ___ if you prefer to receive CCRW Monthly Newsletters via U.S. Mail

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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

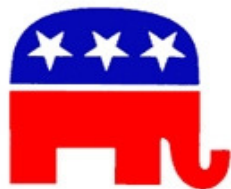
Occupation _____ (required for PAC reporting to Texas Ethics Commission)

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**
129 Shoshone Dr.
Lake Kiowa, TX 76240

For additional information, call Jamie Orsburn, 940-597-4720, jamieorsburn715@gmail.com.

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