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President's Message

In My Rear-View Mirror

In 2017, as a newly elected President, the first thing I did was read our bylaws. I'm sure I had read them at some point during the last decade, but not with the eyes of my newly elected position. The first thing I discovered was that we had to have an internal audit and a budget meeting BEFORE the January board meeting. Fortunately, our PAC Treasurer already knew this and was on top of things, so both went off without a hitch. Then there was my 1st business meeting to get through. Everyone was very gracious, but I was a nervous wreck. Could you tell?

Over the course of last year, my organization skills got a bit better, if you don't include all the email blunders I made. Our meetings and speakers stayed on track and our events were fabulous, thanks to some hard-working committees.

This term, I was more prepared. With the help of past presidents, Janet Blum and Jeanne Slupik, we reorganized responsibilities and gave everyone explicit job descriptions. Then we hit some rough water when we lost several key members. Our membership chair's mother had multiple strokes and she needed to resign to assist in her care. That was followed by our Assistant 1st VP of Programs who left the area due to a family situation. In the middle of the Primary, our Campaign Activities chair resigned to provide daycare for her infant grand-



daughter. Needless to say, I was a bit stressed over these events and it took some time to fill those critical seats. We lost a couple of committee chairs as well. But as of today, I'm proud to say all vacancies are filled, thanks to some wonderful members stepping forward.

So, we made it through the Primaries and are now moving toward the Runoff Election. I'm thankful there are only two races involved. I truly thought it might be more. We've had a chance to breathe, but it won't be long before we see more Meet & Greets, debates and forums. Have you already made your decisions?

We have a lot of work and events ahead of us this year. Some, like our Membership Luncheon and Fish Fry, will be super fun. But it takes a lot of work to bring these together.

So, in closing, I will ask each of you to consider what part you will play in making this a successful year for CLRW. Don't just sit on the sidelines. Ask the officers and chairs what you can do to help. If we pull together, 2018 could turn out to be the best year ever.

Donna Pool

Membership CORNER

Canyon Lake Republican Women have planned another packed year. We are committed to support candidates, distribute dictionaries, distribute Constitutions, walk for Freedom on 9-11, and raise money at the Fish Fry and much more. Needless to say, there are plenty of opportunities to pitch in and make all of this happen.

Please come join us the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10 AM at the Tye Preston Memorial Library. It is time to renew your membership.

Full membership dues are \$25 and Associate dues are \$10. Payment can be mailed to P.O. Box 2751, Canyon Lake, TX 78133 or paid online at our website: Canyonlakerw.com.

Keep Texas Red!!!

Janet Blum,
Membership Chair



Lucille Marburger, one of the original members of Canyon Lake Republican Women, turned 100 years old with a special birthday party celebrating the occasion!

Pictured are Past Presidents Janet Blum (left), Lucille Marburger, and Jeanne Slupik (right) at her party.

Lucille was also nominated by CLRW as a "Women of the Year" at the TFRW Convention.

Importance of the Electoral College

After the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election, those who did not vote for Donald Trump, IMMEDIATELY began the rhetoric to edit or do away with the Electoral College processes and its boundaries. Historically, this has been attempted several times during each Century!

Within the past 50 years, our Country's foundation has been challenged in various ways. The Electoral College is but one of our Country's "deer in the headlights! "

This breakdown of the Electoral College vote is our "checks and balances." This is so important for our future that it has never changed.

In their infinite wisdom, the founders of our country created a structure called the "Electoral College" as a control system to ensure individual states were fairly repre-

sented. Otherwise one or two densely populated areas would speak for the rest of our country.

The Electoral College was not created as a device to favor Democrats, Republicans, Whigs, Tories or any other political affiliation. It was created as a system of "checks and balances " to guard against any small vocal area, with a specific agenda, speaking for the whole of the nation.

Large, densely populated cities (NYC, Chicago, LA, etc.) do not and should not speak for the rest of our country (They already do in some of our states.) Somehow, the geniuses who founded our country understood that and created a system to avoid such a dangerous possibility.

The statistics below should put an end to the argument as to why the Electoral College is still essential.

- There are 3,141 counties in the United States.
Trump won 3,084 of them while Clinton won 57.
- There are 62 counties in New York State.
Trump won 46 of them and Clinton won 16.
- Clinton won the popular vote by approximately 1.5 million votes.
Clinton received over 2 million more votes than Trump in the 5 counties that encompass NYC: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond and Queens.
In other words, 5 counties alone, accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote for the entire country!!!
- Those 5 counties comprise 319 square miles.
- The United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles.

With a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be **ludicrous** to suggest that the votes of those who inhabit a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election!

So now with the information above, you should understand the supreme importance of the Electoral College.

Do share this...It needs to be understood.

Impacting Texas

Illegal Immigration

• Roughly \$6,000 is spent per illegal immigrant.

• Texas' illegal immigrant population is estimated to be 13% of the nation's illegals.

• There are 2.06 million illegal immigrants in Texas.

• 78% are from Mexico, 4% from El Salvador, 4% from Honduras, 3% from Guatemala, and 2% from other countries.

• 83% arrived in the last 20 years and 39% in the last 10 years.

• 60% have not completed high school or received a GED.

• 57% either speak English poorly or not at all.

• 89% speak Spanish at home.

• It costs Texas \$7.87 billion yearly to educate the 11.1% of chil-

dren who are illegal immigrants in Texas schools.

• Illegal immigrants cost the US government \$150 billion a year in lost tax dollars and remittances.

• One in six children in Cal-

10% of Texas' annual budget, \$12.36 BILLION, is spent on illegal immigrants.

ifornia schools are illegal immigrants or anchor babies costing the state \$30.29 billion yearly.

How many illegal immigrants are in America?

We really don't know because they are off the grid. Pew Research estimates 11.1 million. However,

Legislative Chair, Carolyn Hebert

other experts, such as Ann Coulter in her book *Adios America*, estimate that are actually 30 million in the US.

Healthcare costs Texas \$1.86 billion a year for illegal immigrants. Medicaid and other public healthcare services are impacted by \$1.03 billion and \$830 million is estimated for UNCOMPENSATED emergency services.

Remittance payments made by illegal immigrants in Texas to others outside the US total an estimated \$2.33 billion a year.

Pew Research stated that \$133.6 billion in remittance was made in 2015 alone!

Crimes committed by illegal immigrants cost the US \$1.01 billion a year in policing, court services, and incarceration.

Human Trafficking

On March 19, the NFRW sent out a **MAGA Action Alert** with a call to members to contact their Senators asking them to support bills to end "Online Sex Trafficking."

This was timely, in that the subject of our March 21st CLRW meeting was "Human Trafficking." We learned that Human Trafficking is the #1 Crime in America, outpacing Drug Trafficking. Why? Because drugs, once consumed, are gone once. But a girl (and this is not just about girls) can be sold into sexual exploitation time and time again.

The example given by our guest speaker, Muriel Lanford, from *Ransomed Life* was: 1 girl at \$100 per "date" x 10 times a day x 365 days = \$365,000 a year. At that rate, it doesn't take long for the trafficker

By Donna Pool

to be raking in millions of untaxed dollars a year.

Approximately 79,000 minors and youth are victims of sex trafficking in Texas. That costs the state of Texas approximately \$6.6 million. Approximately 234,000

There are an estimated 313,00 victims of human trafficking in Texas.

workers are victims of labor trafficking, which exploits \$600 million from victims.

Many children are innocently lured into trafficking schemes when they are in junior high school. Lanford explained that young men gain their confidence through social media, lavishing them with gifts

and affection to gain their trust.

This is such a significant crime that Ken Paxton, our Texas Attorney General, has posted a video on his website you might wish to view: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/human-trafficking>.

If you are concerned about this subject, and we can't imagine you wouldn't be, please call your Senators and ask them to support the **FOSTA-SESTA** package to fight online sex trafficking.

Ted Cruz: 202.224.5922

John Cornyn: 202.224.2934

Other helpful information can be found at: Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery: <http://ragas.online/>; Rotary Video: <https://vimeo.com/205553931>; New Life Refuge Ministries: <http://newliferefugeministries.org/>; and *Ransomed Life*: <https://www.RansomedLifeTexas>.

Flag Etiquette

My name is Maggie Carty and I recently relocated to Canyon Lake from Houston. To my delight, I found CLRW as soon as I arrived. I'm looking forward to working with and getting to know all of you.

At the second meeting I attended, Donna Pool asked me to help by chairing the Americanism Committee. I accepted, not even knowing what the committee did. But as most of you know, the Americanism committee is responsible for informing, educating, and promoting patriotism and flag etiquette.

So, on that note, I would like to remind you that National Flag Day is coming up on June 14th. It is the perfect time to get your flag out and show your American pride.

The flag and patriotism go hand-in-hand. We have grown up admiring the flag and learning about it in school. It is part of our culture, but it's easy to forget some of the interesting facts and protocols surrounding it. For instance, everyone knows the meaning of the stars and stripes, but did you

know that the colors of the flag have meaning as well?

Red stands for hardiness and valor. White symbolizes purity and innocence. Blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Interestingly, the colors of the Texas flag, by state statute, are exactly formulated as the American flag colors, so that when they are flown together, they will match perfectly.

During my research, I came across a wonderful website called USA-Flag-site.org. It was founded in 2012 to promote patriotism. The site has information about flag history, flag etiquette, fun facts, and patriotic songs. It also links to other educational sites and informational blogs and forums. To benefit our members, we have added a link to this website on the CLRW webpage under "Other Links." I encourage all of you to check it out the next time you visit the website.

Going forward, I will be looking for projects and topics to cover. If anyone has any suggestions or comes across something interesting, please email me.

Meanwhile, let me leave you with a beautiful and powerful quote about our flag by Ronald Reagan.

"To-day we celebrate Flag Day, the birthday of our Stars and Stripes. As we think back over



the history of our nation's flag, we remember that the story of its early years was often one of hardship and trials, sometimes a fight for simple survival. ... As the American Republic grew and prospered and new stars were added to the flag, the ideal of freedom grew and prospered. From the rolling hills of Kentucky to the shores of California to the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon, our pioneers carried our flag before them, a symbol of the indomitable spirit of a free people. And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it over the last 200 years, patriots who set an ideal above any consideration of self. Our flag flies free today because of their sacrifice."

Save the Backbone

When driving past the Devil's Backbone on Highway 32, one cannot help but recognize the single tree on the horizon. That tree has become the logo for the newly founded "Save the Backbone" effort.

At the February meeting of CLRW, members and guests learned from guest speakers Leslie and Randy Collier about their quest. The Colliers explained how

they established Sentinel Peak Preserve as a nonprofit organization to purchase, protect and preserve the land that was formerly El Rancho Cima, a Boy Scout Camp operated for over 63 years. The 2,382 acres were listed for sale last year by the Sam Houston Area Council of Boy Scouts at \$24 million. The pristine property is located in Hays and Comal Counties and boasts frontage on the Blanco River.

The mission of the newly found group is to protect the natural re-

sources found on the property and preserve the camp for use by future generations with camping activities for girls, boys, and families where they will learn outdoor skills, aquatics, land stewardship, water conservation and life skills.

A combination of private donations and grants are being raised to purchase and preserve the property. More information about the proposed project can be found at www.sentinelpeakpreseve.com.