



THE WAVE

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Please watch your emails closely for changes in planned events and to stay abreast of news on the state and local Republican front.

CLRW meets Monthly
Third Wednesday • 9:30am
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President's Message

Dear Members and Associates,

Things seem to be in a daily ritual of change now within our families, communities and the world. I'm not sure what is taking its toll on me the most: the fact we are isolated from the outside world, or the fact that we are "bombarded" with news 24 hours a day.

I have decided that news is now banned from the house except early in the morning and some in the evening. It is also a chance for me to take on some new hobbies such as learning to Hula Hoop, coming up with crafts for grandchildren using empty toilet paper rolls, and baking enough loaves of home-made bread to feed the neighborhood.

While the challenges of everyday life have changed, our mission must remain the same. First, ***we must take care of each other and stay positive.***

Second, we must also look ahead and do our part to help bring this country "back to life." There has never been a stronger and more determined group of women as Canyon Lake Republican Women. This club makes



things happen and gets things done. This updated newsletter will provide insight into what lies ahead for us and what we ***MUST*** be working on now. ***We can't just sit around and wait.***

I have been working on Zoom.us and scheduled some meetings. It is very easy. All of you need to be signed up with this application. Please go to the website and sign up so you can get in on the conversation. This is the best communication tool for us to use now and can be used on your PC or phone. We have no way of knowing how long this situation will go on; however, we still need to communicate.

Our 1st VP, Karen Hobson, has been juggling speaker

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Carolyn Besselman

Define Your Leadership Style

while sheltering at home

by Teresa Spears, Leadership Chairman

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

by John Quincy Adams



While we are sheltering at home and waiting for the current situation with the Virus to be resolved, many have some extra time to fill. This would be a great time to take an online course or read a good book on leadership.

Throughout my career working in politics and government I have had the responsibility of being in leadership positions, and I've had the opportunity to follow and learn from effective leaders. I've heard it said **“they were born a leader.”** In some cases I believe that is true. But mostly, I believe leaders learn the skills by life experience, studying and reading information shared from effective leaders and learning from taking the risks, making mistakes and always keeping an open mind to change when necessary.

In 2001, TIME Magazine named Mayor Rudy Giuliani as its Person of the Year. As a reminder, Rudy was Mayor of New York City when the terrorist flew planes into the World Trade Center Towers. Here is what they said of Mayor Giuliani:

“For having more faith in us than we had in ourselves, for being brave when required and rude where appropriate and

tender without being trite, for not sleeping and not quitting and not shrinking from the pain all around him. Rudy Giuliani, Mayor of the World, is TIME 2001 Person of the Year.”

In his book Leadership, Mayor Giuliani summarized leadership:

“Leadership works both ways: it is a privilege, but it carries responsibilities – from imposing a structure suitable to an organization’s purposes, to forming a team of people who bring out the best in each other, to taking the right, unexpected risks. A leader must develop strong beliefs, articulate and act on those beliefs, and be held accountable for the results.”

The Mayor further listed traits of what he believes got him through handling the events of September 11:

“Every single principle that follows was summoned within hours of the attack on the World Trade Center.

- Surround yourself with great people
- Have beliefs and communicate them
- See things for yourself
- Set an example
- Stand up to bullies
- Deal with first things first
- Loyalty is the vital virtue
- Prepare relentlessly
- Underpromise and overdeliver
- Don't assume a darn thing

The events of September 11 affected me more deeply than anything I have ever experienced; but the idea that I somehow became a different person on that day – that there was a pre-September 11 Rudy and a wholly other post-September 11 Rudy – is not true. I was prepared to handle September 11 precisely because I was the same person who had been doing his best to take on challenges my whole career. I didn't dust off some secret book reserved only for national emergencies, but did my best to implement the same leadership I used throughout my two terms as mayor, five years as

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U.S. Attorney, and two stints in the Justice Department, as well as my bout with cancer and other battles and roles in which I learned valuable lessons.”

Here are some other traits and suggestions for effective leaders:

- Inspire with strong stirring speeches
- Display strength and consistency of character

- Leaders have to control their emotions under pressure
- Leaders are influenced by those they trust, believe in and admire; be selective in who you follow
- Understand what you’re facing; have a plan; implement the plan
- Never forget to value, encourage, appreciate and thank your team
- Assign your team members to appropriate tasks suitable for them

- Remove, or redirect, people from the team who don’t perform or get in the way of completing the goal
- Give your team the credit and the praise for a job well done
- Be willing to work as hard as you ask of your team members
- Listen to your gut instincts

Applying Leadership Skills Within TFRW, Campaigns & Republican Party

When we think of leaders within our TFRW Clubs, the TFRW Board, the county and state Republican Party and those who work on campaigns, there are some obvious positions that come to mind:

- Serve as Club Officer or Chair a Committee
- Serve as District Director, Deputy President or an Officer on TFRW Board
- Serve as Precinct Chair or on a Committee for the County GOP
- Get elected to SREC or as a County GOP Chair
- Volunteer as a County Leader for an Elected Official or Candidate
- Work on Staff for an Elected Official or Candidate

Many would look at the list above and think they don’t have the skills or traits necessary to take on those leadership positions. However, many of our most effective leaders are those who lead by sharing their expertise, their skills at encouraging and lifting up others and their skills at being the “wind behind” those

leaders who serve in the “public role.” Many times their leadership skills go unnoticed by the many, but are appreciated and acknowledged by those who benefit from their unselfish and humble support. Some of these leaders include:

- Those who show up early and stay late to set up for meetings and events
- Those who always greet with a smile, an encouragement, sharing information to keep things running on time, and to keep people comfortable and safe
- Those who never miss an opportunity to show up to volunteer with a positive get-it-done attitude
- Those who always have a positive word and for whom it can be said “we’ve never heard her say a negative thing about anyone”

Leaders assess what needs to be done and then get it done. They see a need and either take care of it themselves or make sure that an appropriate person is getting it done.

“The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.” – John Maxwell

“The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them.” – John Maxwell

There are some great online courses that you can take for free. Some links are listed below. There are others if you google leadership courses. Take this time to determine what kind of leader you are, and then find a place to use your unique leadership abilities.

1

Leadership Institute for Conservatives Online Courses: <https://www.leadershipinstitute.org/Training/?Training=Online>

2

Subject: 9 Places to Learn Leadership Skills for Free Inc.com <https://www.inc.com/larry-kim/9-places-to-learn-leadership-skills-for-free.html>

3

Class Central Leadership with Social Influence <https://www.classcentral.com/course/leadership-socialinfluence-4774>

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Tribute to Women

Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

New Date

Friday, July 17, 2020
Noon - 1:30 PM
Marriott Grand Marquis
Houston, Texas

TICKETS

\$79 BEFORE JUNE 14

\$90 AFTER JUNE 14

<https://tribute-to-women-2020.eventbrite.com>

TABLE SPONSORS

\$250

Pay tribute to your TFRW Ladies with your name
or names prominently placed on a table of ten
with a congratulatory note

***Ticket to event not included**

For Questions and Sponsor Information Contact:

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President's Message cont'd

schedules while our Scholarship Committee is working from their homes, and many of our members are signed up for the **Red Dialer** seminars online. Each of you should participate in this extremely important endeavor right now. **What else are you doing??** (For more information refer to my email "Let's help our President" from last Friday evening.)

Yes, this is a crisis, but it will eventually end and when it does, we have to be ready to get people out to vote in the runoff election. We need them to vote for our President, who is leading us through one of the worst crises since The Great Depression.

Democrats continue to stoop lower and lower. The despicable behavior of many elected officials is appalling. There is no way we should sit and be idle.

I want my country back, and I want the Republican Party to lead it back!

Senator Donna Campbell has a live Town Hall on Facebook and information and numerous links concerning COVID-19 at info@donnacampbell.com.

Sue Piner, Chairperson of the Comal County Republican Party, has plans for a "Coming Out of Quarantine" Party in the future. Stay tuned.

**Congratulations to
Sue Piner
and
Susan Walker
for being CLRW nominees
for TFRW's
Tribute to Women**

Take Notice – Election Results

★ **Lani Popp** did not receive as many votes as Robert Morrow, and they are in a runoff. However, if you look at the total number of votes received by all Republican (136,694) compared to all Democrats (208,062), the future of retaining State Board of Education-District 5 (SBOD-5) with a Republican could be in jeopardy in November. Ken Mercer-R has reliably held this seat since 2006, and he enthusiastically endorses Lani to succeed him. Since our children and grandchildren and some great grandchildren attend schools in SBOE-5, I can guess we don't want drag queen story hour, age inappropriate sex education, and incorrect history (to name a few) being taught.

★ **Ryan Sitton** lost the primary and no one can say why except the **Jim Wright** name recognitions(???) The Republicans have a very slight lead in overall votes but only led by 62.25 percent.

★ The race for CD35 is done, even though there is a runoff between GOP candidates. The total **Doggett** vote was 69,897 to the total vote of 3 GOP candidates being 18,144.

★ **Wendy Davis** was ahead of **Chip Roy** in the number of votes received in the Primary. Total Democratic votes (97,545). Davis received 86.2 percent (about 80,000). Chip Roy was the only GOP candidate and received a total of 75,317 votes.

by Susan Walker,
Social Media



★ **John Cornyn** won the Republican primary for US Senator with a difference of 131,696 between all Republican and Democratic votes.

★ Finally, the total Texas votes for POTUS was won by the Democrats 2,076,046 with **Biden** receiving 34.5 percent. The GOP total was 2,008,385 with **Trump** receiving 94.1 percent.

Our club cannot endorse one candidate over another in a contested runoff or election, however, we feel this information is warranted for our members to read and decide for themselves. State Board of Education is highly important.

We are publishing information that was provided to us about Lani Popp's campaign and how Republican women can choose to help her campaign. We have received no information from Mr. Morrow or his campaign. Should this happen, we will publish it.

Please read carefully the information on the following pages.

Member, State Board of Education, District 5 Election Results

County	Inga Cotton	Robert Morrow	Lani Popp	Total Votes	Total Voters	Turnout
All Counties	35,584	54,772	46,338	136,694	2,451,261	5.58%
Bexar	12,097	16,657	15,312	44,066	1,131,650	3.89%
Blanco	627	800	667	2,094	8,748	23.94%
Caldwell	656	1,562	750	2,968	25,109	11.82%
Comal	4,318	6,954	7,252	18,524	106,520	17.39%
Gillespie	1,675	1,940	1,188	4,803	19,533	24.59%
Guadalupe	3,427	6,587	5,200	15,214	104,498	14.56%
Hays	2,686	6,006	4,470	13,162	142,166	9.26%
Kendall	1,560	1,900	2,509	5,969	31,742	18.80%
Kerr	2,756	3,551	2,235	8,542	36,119	23.65%
Llano	966	2,061	1,163	4,190	15,782	26.55%
Mason	390	689	1,054	2,133	3,031	70.37%
San Saba	347	385	417	1,149	3,643	31.54%
Travis	4,079	5,680	4,121	13,880	822,720	1.69%

Travis GOP opposes Robert Morrow candidacy for SBOE

County political parties typically do not endorse or oppose opponents in contested Republican primary races.

But one race in particular drew the opposition of the Travis County Republican Party Executive Committee on January 21, 2020. The Executive Committee, consisting of precinct chairmen across the Austin area within Travis County, unanimously approved a resolution to oppose the candidacy of Robert Morrow, a perennial candidate seeking a position on the State Board of Education.

Also running on the Republican Primary ballot were Inga Cotton and Lani Popp. The Executive Committee did not endorse any of the candidates.

Morrow was elected by a fluke to the chairmanship of the Travis County Republican Party in 2016. He was censured for personal conduct and ad hominem attacks on revered public figures before being removed for leaving the GOP to run for President of the United States as an Independent. A steering committee successfully managed the business of the party during Morrow's three-month term. The Travis County Republican Party voted to move money and decision-making power away from Morrow. His Facebook page contains photos of scantily

clad women with oversize breasts and lewd comments.

According to the Austin-American Statesman, Morrow had planned to use his role as party chair as a platform to bring wider attention to his Clinton and Bush family conspiracy theories that *"all of them are gay."*

Morrow co-wrote the book The Clinton's War on Women with former Donald Trump strategist Roger Stone, though his relationship with Trump is no warmer.

Morrow appeared in a television interview with a Time Warner News affiliate wearing a jester's hat in front of a coffee table laden with colorful infants' toys and a book titled FARTS. The interview included his profanity-laced attack on former Governor Rick Perry and his focus as chairman - "big titties."

Morrow announced he was running to *"imprison Donald Trump for child rape."*

The Travis County Republican Party Executive Committee passed the following Resolution in January of this year denying their support in light that he was lewd, vulgar and misogynistic.

WHEREAS, Robert Morrow has a history of misogynist and vulgar language, and

Comal County Primary Election Results

Precinct	Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Voter Turnout
101	1373	3862	35.55%
102	1146	3865	29.65%
103	1250	3775	33.11%
104	767	2113	36.30%
105	1135	3938	28.82%
106	1501	4905	30.60%
107	1084	2658	40.78%
108	630	1781	35.37%
201	1225	4955	24.72%
202	284	1342	21.16%
203	1399	4473	31.28%
204	1074	3875	27.72%
205	1800	5288	34.04%
206	1605	5555	28.89%
207	679	2209	30.74%
208	594	2035	29.19%
301	764	5022	15.21%
302	1419	5160	27.50%
303	249	1025	24.29%
304	889	4796	18.54%
305	655	2932	22.34%
306	394	2280	17.28%
401	394	2291	36.32%
402	832	4707	35.52%
403	1672	5584	37.12%
404	2073	3770	29.50%
405	1112	4406	27.44%
406	1666	5119	32.55%
407	1186	2784	42.60%
	30851	106505	

WHEREAS, Robert Morrow has made outrageous and slanderous allegations about President Trump, members of the Bush family, and Governor Rick Perry, among others,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Travis County Republican Party opposes his candidacy in the Republican Primary for State Board of Education District 5.

Travis County press release: https://www.travigop.com/press_release

Texas Tribune: <https://www.texas-tribune.org/2020/02/21/robert-morrow-wildcard-texas-state-education-board-races/>

Esquire Magazine: <https://www.esquire.com/news-politics/news/a45652/robert-morrow-interview/>; <https://www.esquire.com/news-politics/news/a43543/the-new-travis-county-tx-gop-chairman-is-really-something/>

Statesman: https://www.statesman.com/news/20160904/who-is-robert-morrow?fbclid=IwAR1zIHwP01ZAnYj28bRsk7Oi-1BhYwT6UVbq-wYTzc_JLWifB-P1M-FECW_vw

Editor's Corner

by Barbara Knight



As we sit in our homes under surreal conditions – watching television, cooking, cleaning, organizing, taking care of grandchildren, sewing, and doing whatever we can to improve life for our families – we still get infuriated when we see reports of the lengths some politicians continue to stoop to these days.

Each day brings along new challenges for our country and those who are actively combating the spread and treatment of COVID-19. It is distressing to hear of the need for respirators for those who are fighting for their lives and the shortages that we face at the grocery store.

Many of us have become supreme protectors of the toilet paper we still have on hand and wonder what do we when we run out?!?!?

And others of us, who have sewing machines and stashes of fabric, find themselves making masks for medical staff, and now our families.



Former CLRW President Jeanne Slupik sews masks



Former CLRW President Marsha Cooper cuts fabric for masks

Through it all, we keep a stiff upper lip, pray for a timely downturn in cases, and applaud our President for the actions he has taken and continues to take to stabilize the spread of the virus, minimize social contacts, deaths, and catastrophic impact on our economy. We will never be the same again because we have been touched with something that we had seen in movies but never believed it would happen.

We need to keep our sense of humor, so here is a story that will hopefully lighten your mood.

"Life Is Short. Live It To The Fullest. It Has An Expiration Date."

Trump and Pelosi go fishing

The President and Democrat Speaker of the US House, Nancy Pelosi, are arguing extensively over allowing immigrants into our country.

She, of course, wants free access to an open border, while President Trump wants to secure our borders to ensure only the right people come in.

To avoid continuing conflict between the Parties, they agree to a 3-day ice fishing contest to settle the issue.

Whoever catches the most fish at the end of the three days will have his or her policy implemented.

They agree that a remote frozen lake in northern Wisconsin would be the ideal place. There were no observers on the fishing grounds, but both would need to have their catches verified and counted each night at 5 PM so they use a neutral park ranger station.

After Day 1, Trump returns to the station with a total of 10 fish, while Pelosi comes back with nothing.

Day 2 finishes and Trump catches 20 fish, but Pelosi once again comes back with nothing.

That night, Pelosi and her cronies get together and decide Trump is a "low-life, cheating piece of scum."

Instead of fishing on Day 3, she decides to follow Trump and expose his cheating.

Day 3 finishes up and Trump has had an incredible day, adding 20 more to his total.

That night, taking a lead from many in her party, Pelosi refuses to concede after the official count is reported and certified.

Instead, she proudly lumbered to the lectern to expose President Trump's cheating to the entire nation on National TV.

"You are not going to believe this. I followed Trump and can verify that he cheated in this contest just as he cheated by colluding with the Russians to win the 2016 election. I saw him with my own eyes and can now expose his cheating ways...he cuts holes in the ice."

That's the difference between business and politics.

2020 Executive Board

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What's Happening

Apr 8 – CLRW Executive Committee Meeting - -
2pm - Virtual Online

May 20 – CLRW Membership Luncheon - Tentative

May 28 – CLRW New Member Orientation -
10am - TPML

Jun 6 - Comal County Republican Convention -
Tentative

Jun 6 - 10 – Early voting for Runoff Election

Jun 8 – CLRW Executive Committee Meeting -
TPML - 1pm

Jun 17 – CLRW Membership Meeting - Mystic Shores Community Center - 9:30am - Nick Adams

July 2 – Last Day to apply for a Mail - In Ballot

July 6 –CLRW Executive Committee Meeting -
TPML - 1pm

July 14 – RunOff ELECTION DAY

July 15 – All Mail-In Ballots must be received by 5pm or postmarked by 7pm on July 14

July 15 – CLRW Membership Meeting - Mystic Shores Community Center - 9:30am

July 16-18 – Rep. State Convention - Houston

Aug 10 – CLRW Executive Committee Meeting -
TPML - 1pm

Aug 19 – CLRW Membership Meeting - TPML - 9:30am -

Aug 24-27 – Rep. National Convention - Charlotte

Aug 31 – Executive Committee Meeting - TPML - 1pm

Sept 10 – CCRP Fundraiser - NB Convention Center - 6pm - Trey Gowdy

Sept 11 – FREEDOM WALK - Canyon Lake Dam - 9am

Sept 16 – CLRW Membership Meeting - TPML - 9:30am -

Sept 19 – CLRW FISH FRY FUNdraiser - CRRC - 6pm

The Wave is a great tool to forward to friends that you think might be interested in joining a Republican Club. It is a perfect way to learn about what CLRW does and how we are an active and influential club. Feel free to send this newsletter!