



Collin County Republican Review

February 2012

CCRMC Monthly Newsletter

February Meeting:

Thursday, February 16, 2012

6:00 PM Social; 7:00 PM Meeting

CCRMC Hosting a Candidate Forum

This month's meeting should be exciting and informative. The CCRMC will be hosting a candidate forum with several of the Collin County Office candidates. This should be a very informative meeting you don't want to miss it.

Texas Senate D-30: Jim Herblin

Sheriff : Terry Box,,
Mike Brooks,
and Chuck Presley

District Clerk: Andrea Stroh Thompson,
and Tim Baker

Pct 3 Cnty Comm: Chris Hill

Please **NOTE** the change in meeting time

We want to give you the maximum time possible to meet and greet the candidates.

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Upcoming Events:

- **Feb. 16 CCRMC Meeting**
- **Mar. 15 CCRMC Meeting (Senator Florence Shapiro)**
- **Apr. 3 Primary Tentative Date**
- **Apr. 19 CCRMC Meeting**

**All dues and fees are due on an annual basis
in January of each year**



Jim Bortzfield
President

Greetings Fellow Republicans:

It was great to see all the CCRMC members at the Lincoln Day Dinner. The Plano Centre was a great venue for the event.

Congratulations to Neal Katz who was selected as the 2012 recipient of John King McVeigh award. This is the highest award given by CC Republican Party and is presented annually to the individuals who over time have made a significant personal or financial contribution to the CCRP. Besides a long time CCRMC member, Neal has served at the CCRP treasurer and is currently serving his second term as SD8 SREC member (State Republican Executive Committee).

Past CCRMC member winners include Richard Dodson in 2006, Jack Hatchell in 2008 and Wayne Tucker in 2010. Looking back even further, Terry Box in 2002, Jerry Madden in 1993 and even former CCRMC President Jerry Yancey in 1983. Of course, founding CC Republicans in the CCRMC also honored have been Connie Armstrong and Buddy Ragley. If I missed someone, shout out!

As we approach the primary on April 3, 10, 17, 24 or soon thereafter, a lot of hard work is needed by CCRMC members for both the primary and general election. I think we have a good idea that Collin County will stay red and it is incumbent on us to elect the best candidates.

We probably even have a good idea that the State will stay red but getting the best Senator is important too. This promises to be a hard fought primary and I encourage every one to engage with the candidate of your choice, carefully selected, and work hard on that election. Winning the Senate back nationally will mean that we need leadership there and Texas is a great place to start.

And better, the Presidential race appears to be a four person race. Pick the one and work hard for them. Talk about the good of you candidate and refrain from dirty politics. And, be prepared to come together to work hard for the candidate that emerges with the nomination in August. Whether it is your candidate now or not, it is incumbent on Republicans to support our candidate with the vigor and enthusiasm that is needed to win over the undecided swing vote, in Texas and nationwide. We cannot afford the apathy that occurred in 2008 for McCain / Palin that lead us to the liberal agenda that got elected.

Hang on, 2012 promises to be historic.

Jim



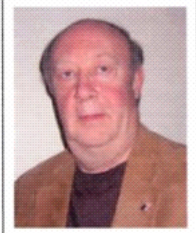
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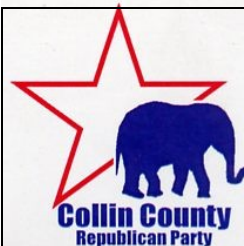
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News on the News Letter

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Dalayr Hight —VP Newsletter

Greetings fellow Conservative Republicans;

This my second month serving as your news letter editor, I have decided to start a mini column that addresses staying informed via the internet. This month I'm just including some links I use to collect interesting articles for the news letter. As the months proceed I hope to delve into various ways us conservatives can use the internet to stay informed and involved in local and national politics.

- ◆ A few of very useful national links are;
 - ◆ **The Patriot Post:** <http://patriotpost.us/>
 - ◆ **GovTrack.us:** <http://www.govtrack.us/>
 - ◆ **Heritage Alliance:** <http://www.heritagealliance.com/>
- ◆ On the local and recent news front a good way to keep on top of the redistricting issue is out state website that posts the maps;
 - ◆ **The Patriot Post:** <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.htm>
 - ◆ **The District Viewer:** <http://gis1.tlc.state.tx.us/>

See Y'all next month same place same channel

Founder's Quote Daily From the Patriot Post Web Site listed Above

Friday, February 10, 2012

"And you will, by the dignity of your conduct, afford occasion for posterity to say, when speaking of the glorious example you have exhibited to mankind, had this day been wanting, the world had never seen the last stage of perfection to which human nature is capable of attaining."

—George Washington, The Newburgh Address, 1783



The Month leading up to this meeting has been filled with activities. First off, we had a great meeting last month. Andy Ritter presented the plans for the LBJ. A few of the artists concepts he presented are shown below. Chief topic of discussion were the plans for a managed toll-way for the center lanes where the tolls will in-



crease as traffic flow slows thus encouraging drivers to maintain a faster flow in the toll-lanes. Other topics included the plans for maintaining traffic flow while the construction proceeds, and the impacts to local business during the construction.



Yes folks staying informed does help a person understand the role of politics in our daily lives.

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On Feb 4th the Collin County GOP held our annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Plano Center which was a resounding success.



A special thanks to retired / retiring Judge Jerry Lewis for donating a very personal family heirloom to the CCRMC so that we could use it as a donation piece to the Collin County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner auction. This brought \$350 in the auction.

Jerry donated a piece of the Berlin wall, complete with graffiti that his brother had removed in April 1990. The CCRMC had this piece memorialized as a lasting tribute to his brother and the historical significance of the change in the world to democracy and freedom when the wall came down in 1989.

The page that follows is the certification information that was provided with the display. In summary, in an unusual set of circumstances, Jerry's Aggie brother in the 69th Infantry was at the famous Elbe River crossing in German in 1945 when the Americans crossed and

joined with the Russians in the final day of WWII. After this Aggie architect retired, he was asked to design a memorial to commemorate that day in history to be built at that famous site. He went to Germany and happened to be there when the wall was coming down and chipped away this piece that has been in Judge Lewis' office for over 25 years. An amazing observation as the Allies ended the war in the famous meeting of freedom and then 45 years later, celebrating the freedom of the East German people again from the Soviets.



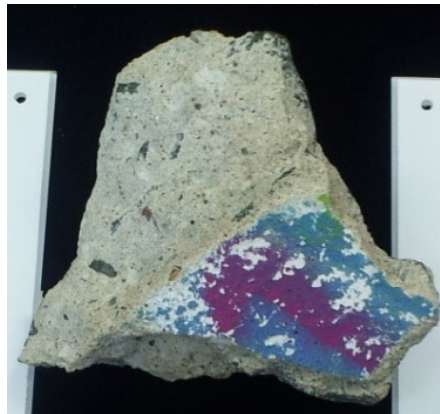
THANK YOU Judge Lewis for this very thoughtful donation for making a lasting reminder of your brother's actions as a soldier and patriot and those of Ronald Reagan, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"



Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!



Sam B. Lewis
69th Infantry
25 April 1945



Berlin Wall
13 Aug 1961– 9 Nov 1989



Ronald Reagan
Brandenburg Gate Speech
12 June 1987

Sam B. Lewis, a 1943 graduate of Texas A&M and in the Corp of Cadets, served in the 273rd regiment of the 69th Infantry that linked up with the Russians at the Elbe River 25 April 1945. He was awarded a Bronze Star for actions. As a retired architect, he designed a monument and raised funds from his fellow Aggies to construct it at the Elbe. He was honored at its unveiling in Torgau Germany. In April 1990, he returned to Berlin when the wall was being torn down and collected this piece as a lasting symbol of the Soviet oppression of the German People, complete with graffiti demanding freedom.

This remembrance by his brother, Senior Judge Jerry Lewis and Collin County Republican Men's Club



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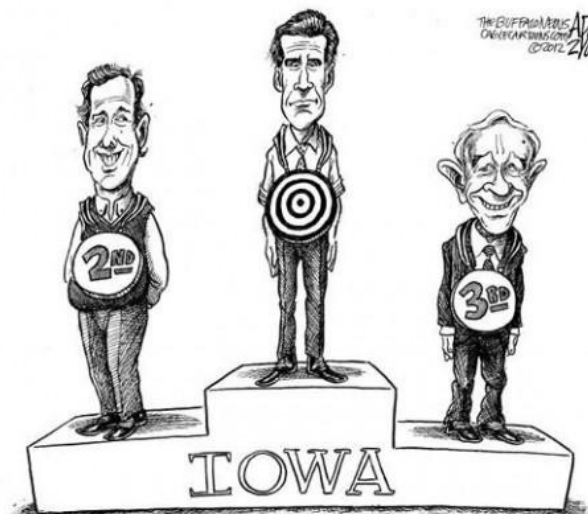
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CCRMC Board Meeting Minutes

No Board Meeting for the Month of Jan
 Board voted through email in support of the LDD Plaque



Redistricting Texas in the hands of the courts



Prizes for winning Iowa



The current redistricting turmoil is continuing to make the 2012 elections “interesting”. The latest update from Candy Noble (SREC SD 8) says it all.

Here is the latest news from the RPT and both the DC and San Antonio Federal Courts. I’m sorry to tell our candidates that the possibility of having another change in the Primary date is looking likely.

**Candy Noble
SRED SD8**

Redistricting Update V: Communications From The Panels

There have been two significant communications from different courts over last 24 hours that gives us some indication as to the direction and the schedules that the San Antonio three-judge panel will take us in the ongoing Texas redistricting saga. This update will inform you as to their contents and significance to the proceedings.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Washington, D.C. three-judge panel issued a statement notifying concerned parties not to expect a decision in that case for at least 30 days. It was hoped that the D.C. panel might issue a quick decision so as to allow the San Antonio three-judge panel to utilize the D.C. panel's findings as part of the San Antonio panel's process of issuing new interim maps that are legally compliant. A delay of a month by the D.C. panel puts the San Antonio panel in the position of either: waiting at least an additional month before further action, or instead, moving ahead with the drawing of interim maps based on the information they already have available.

Today, the San Antonio three-judge panel issued an order requiring interested parties to the redistricting lawsuit to file briefs by February 10th, and setting an additional status conference for 8:00am on February 15th. The San Antonio panel also had previously scheduled a trial on the State Senate map for February 8th. These actions suggest that the San Antonio three-judge panel is willing to move the map-drawing process forward without necessarily waiting on the Washington, D.C. panel. However, the schedule put forth by the court today does not lend itself to an April 3rd unified primary date. While it is still theoretically possible to have an April 17th primary date (if the court issues a very quick decision after the February 15th hearing and immediately drew new maps), in all likelihood, this new schedule means that a new single unified primary date could not be held until at least April 24th.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the Texas Democratic Party filed an advisory to the court withdrawing their previous statement that a single unified April primary was possible. TDP now takes the position that it does not oppose a bifurcated primary with the first primary in April as a subsequent primary to a later date, but only if the State of Texas will agree to pay for it. The Texas Democratic Party's position is that if the State of Texas will not pay for it, that they do not favor a bifurcated primary, but rather, a much later single unified primary, presumably sometime this summer.

It remains the Republican Party of Texas' position that in order to comply with the process specified by the Texas Election Code for the selection of delegates to the State Convention, that a primary must be held on or before April 17th. Consequently, the State Chairman, in consultation with party leadership, is examining all options in order to resolve this conflict and will issue further advisories once a recommended course of action is determined.

On a related topic, the Republican Party of Texas has been informed that communication is still occurring between the Attorney General's office and the plaintiffs to the redistricting suits. Therefore, the theoretical possibility still exists that an agreement between the Attorney General and the plaintiffs could be obtained before Monday, February 6th - thereby allowing an April 3rd unified primary. However, the odds of this happening diminish by the hour. It will be apparent by Monday whether an agreement was reached in time to have an April 3rd unified primary. If there is no agreement, the case will move forward and we will continue to pass along information just as soon as we obtain it.

Thank you for your support, and additionally - for your patience and understanding during this uncertain situation.



An Excerpt from our Congressman Ralph Hall's New letter

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As the new year gets underway, it is important to set priorities for the year ahead. With the unemployment rate remaining at or above 8% for 35 months - that's 2 million more Americans out of work since the President took office - I am reaffirming my priority to promote job creation. Hardworking taxpayers need and deserve good jobs, and good jobs are what I will continue to fight for in Washington.

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On January 24, President Obama laid out his blueprint for rebuilding the economy - but unfortunately the current state of our nation is in large part due to his failed economic and over-reaching regulatory policies. Over 13.1 million Americans are now out of work, and our total debt burden exceeds the entire size of our economy. The President's record speaks for itself, and it has been a failure. We need jobs, but the President and Senate have refused to consider numerous jobs bills that the House has passed this year. Currently, 27 House jobs bills are awaiting Senate action. We need to give small businesses the incentives to create jobs. We need to rewrite the tax code, reduce the deficit, and provide the economic security that hardworking taxpayers need and deserve. The President's policies, track record, and approach to legislating have clearly failed, despite Democrats' majority control in Washington these past three years. Big government is not the answer. The President must learn from his failed attempts and not repeat the same mistakes. It's time for real solutions that provide good jobs for Americans. It is important to keep in mind that we are all in this together with the same goal - we all want a positive future not only for ourselves, but also for our children and grandchildren. I will continue to fight for jobs and a healthy economy and work to keep the American dream alive for future generations.

Read more at:

<http://ralphhall.congressnewsletter.net/mail/util.cfm?gpiv=2100083148.10512.423&gen=1>