



# Collin County Republican Review

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CCRMC Monthly Newsletter

## December Meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2012

6:30 PM Social; 7:00 PM Meeting

### Everything You Wanted to Know about the LBJ

This Month's meeting should be interesting and informative. Andy Rittler Will be addressing the group. He will be giving us a presentation on all the construction being done on LBJ 635 and how the system (tolls) will work.

Andy Rittler is Director of Corporate Affairs for LBJ Infrastructure Group, LLC. He oversees the day to day operations of government and media relations, public affairs and the implementation of stakeholder communications and community outreach for the northeast Dallas County infrastructure project. He began his career with Associated Builders and Contractors in Austin as the Southern Regional Political Director running political campaigning and fundraising operations in 4 states. After 5 years with Associated Builders and Contractors, Andy moved to Dallas to be Central Region Political Director for National Federation of Independent Business working on similar issues. After three and a half years with United States Senator John Cornyn as his North Texas Region Director, Andy accepted the position with LBJ Infrastructure Group, LLC in May of 2009.



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#### Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 19 CCRMC Meeting**
- **Feb. 4 CCGOP Lincoln Day Dinner**
- **Feb. 16 CCRMC Meeting**
- **Mar. 15 CCRMC Meeting**
- **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:**

I want to personally thank all who contributed in the food pantry charity at the December meeting. With your help, I delivered 37 food items including 20 peanut butter jars to the McKinney Food Pantry. In addition, it was a great pleasure to present them \$233 on behalf of CCRMC too!

On February 4, the Collin County GOP is hosting the annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Plano Centre. This is the major fund raiser for our GOP for keeping Collin County strong. Star Parker is the key note speaker. Ms. Parker is an outspoken conservative activist and a former Republican candidate for Congress in California. She is the author of three books and a syndicated columnist.

CCRMC has purchased a table and you can sit together. The price is \$100 per seat and you need to reserve by contact me as soon as possible and giving your payment to Riley at the meeting January 19. If we get enough reservations, we will get the second 10 seat table reserved. PLEASE LET A BOARD MEMBER KNOW ASAP.

This year looks like one of the biggest political years ever as the Supreme Court tries to decide if the Federal Court interference is upholding the Voting Rights Act directed at only former slave states or is a part of political interference in the rights of the state. As the process drags on, discussion of the primary moving from April to June is concerning because of the impact on the State Conventions (both Democrat and Republican). The alternative is a costly two primary which will change the turnout of voters significantly.

Hang on, 2012 promises to be historic.

Jim



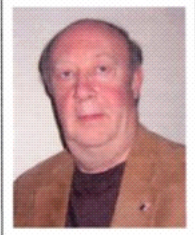
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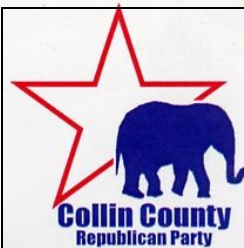
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## News on the News Letter

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### **Greetings fellow Conservative Republicans;**

Well this month is my first at serving as your news letter editor. With elections being this year, and an election year that has the potential of being a historic one for the GOP I might add, the news should be non-stop. This newly nominated VP for Newsletter has a vision and plans for taking this news letter to the next level. Hopefully in the coming months you will find this publication a convenient way to keep up on happenings in the CCRMC.

Details have to be worked out before implementation but some of the ideas currently under consideration for changes in the new letter format include;

- a) A bi-weekly vs a monthly newsletter.
- b) A blog form of the news-letter.
- c) A Smart Phone app for the newsletter.

I invite your inputs and comments at our next monthly meeting.



We had a great holiday party at the December meeting. Marc Friedland was so kind to use his skills to take pictures of the event and he has posted those on his professional photographer site. He invested a substantial amount of time editing/optimizing/uploading 130 images as his professional contribution to the CCRMC. Please be sure to thank Marc for his time and use or refer him for your professional photography needs--Events, Family Wall Portraits, Weddings, Seniors and Business Headshots

In the Holiday spirit, he disabled the right click block so that the viewer may download images at **no charge**

Here is the link:

[www.MarcFriedlandPhoto.com](http://www.MarcFriedlandPhoto.com)

Then click on **Events** at the top and scroll down to select the **CCRMC** icon





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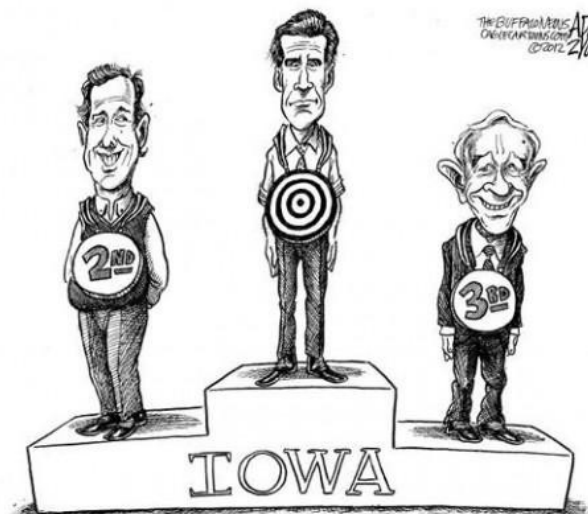
### CCRMC Board Meeting Minutes

No Board Meeting for the Month of Dec

Email poll of members voted for purchase of one table at the Lincoln dinner



### Redistricting Texas in the hands of the courts



### Prizes for winning Iowa



**The current redistricting turmoil is going to make the 2012 elections interesting to say the least. An email from Candy Noble (SREC SD 8) says it all. (I've included an excerpt from this email below).**

**You can read more at the [SREC Fourth quarter update](#)**

It is very important to note that there is no certainty that a single unified primary on April 3rd can be accomplished. In order for the April 3rd date to be achieved, we will have to have a ruling from the Supreme Court within a week or two from today's January 9th oral arguments. The three judge panel in San Antonio will then have to issue new maps by the end of January, in order to stick to the proposed schedule which cuts off filing on February 1st, and allows for a short, re-opened filing period prior to that deadline. In the event that either the Supreme Court does not rule in time, or the three-judge panel cannot complete the maps in time, then the April 3rd date cannot hold.

At that point, the federal panel will have basically only two options. 1) If the delay is a short one (say a week or so) the panel can consider moving the unified primary to a later date in April, although that will be difficult to do and still allow the parties enough time to complete the process for delegate selection to the state convention. 2) Or, the panel will have to split the primary into two elections after all - with one primary being on April 3rd and the second being at a later date that is dependent upon how quickly new lines can be drawn.

One thing I need to reiterate to everyone - from my point of view, there is no choice but to have two primaries if you do not have the new Congressional, State House and State Senate lines in time to have an early April primary. There has to be a primary for at least some races by early April, in order to have the two parties' state conventions.

Cancelling the state conventions is not an option for several reasons. First, the already incurred contractual obligations of the parties would jeopardize the financial health of both parties. Second, it is important that the State of Texas be able to pick delegates to the Republican National Convention so that we can have an impact on the Presidential race. Texas has the second largest delegation to the National Convention with 155 delegates. Third, the Texas Election Code requires that we have a state convention. And fourth, we need to have elections for party officers, including State Chairman, Vice-Chairman, National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and the members of the State Republican Executive Committee. It is the Republican Party of Texas' position that a single unified primary in May makes it impossible for the State Party to hold its state convention in June - there simply is not enough time.

As you can imagine, we've received a number of questions on this process. One of the most common questions asked is why all the filing deadlines were extended, and not just those for the races affected by redistricting. The reason is two-fold. First, the races not affected by redistricting lines have a potential effect on the races which are affected by redistricting lines. The reason being, once the lines are drawn, candidates from these affected races may decide that they do not want to run for those races, but feel instead that they wish to become a candidate in some other race which has not been affected. Conversely, after the redistricting lines are issued, there may be a candidate who already plans to run for office in an unaffected race but decides they would rather run for one of the new races after viewing the finalized lines. The Election Code does not allow the withdrawal and refiling of applications for races, so in order to address this problem, the only solution is to extend the deadline for all races and to also allow the withdrawal of filings - which the Court ordered be done. In short, the races not affected by redistricting are inter-connected and potentially affected by the races which are involved in redistricting. The second reason the deadlines have to be extended for all the races is to avoid voter and worker confusion over two separate filing periods. As we have already seen, the situation has become confusing enough under the current schedule without adding yet another layer of deadlines and difficulty.

We have also received feedback that some county clerks are concerned that the schedule is too tight and too difficult. The truth of the matter is - it is very tight and will be very difficult. However, the schedule has to be tight in order to accomplish an early April primary. As noted earlier, if you had a looser schedule and a later date, you could not have a single unified primary because of the state conventions. The long and short of it is that there was no good alternative to solve the problem of how to plan for a primary when we don't have maps yet for Congress and the State Legislature. I negotiated what I thought to be the least problematic solution from among several flawed alternatives.

It should be pointed out that even if we meet this schedule, that the Republican Party of Texas will face challenges it has never faced before. This year we have the largest number of delegates and alternate spots ever available at approximately 18,000. This will make us among the largest (if not the largest) political convention in the world in 2012. Yet even under the best of circumstances the State Party will have one month less to make arrangements for the delegates and alternates selected. I am told that in the past, it has always been a scramble and a difficult task to get everything done for state conventions in June when the primaries are in March. If we have a primary on April 3rd this year, and a state convention on June 7-9, this will provide us approximately five weeks less time to do more work as compared to the last state convention when the primary was the first week of March and the state convention was the second week of June.

I know it is frustrating to our candidates, party leadership and grassroots workers that we do not have our normal degree of certainty as to where districts will be, who will be running, and what dates we will vote. This is frustrating to me and the party staff as well. It is an extremely difficult and somewhat chaotic situation. Be assured, that the staff and I are doing our best to respond to every inquiry and adjust to every new development. Please have some patience with us knowing that we are in uncharted territory and facing a very, very difficult and challenging situation. I suspect that the majority of both my and the staff's time will be focused on trying to work through the issues relative to the primary and state convention.