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## Newsletter

January 2010

Dear Jennifer,

The Holiday Luncheon was a great success! Let's thank Tina Peyton for the hard work and planning that resulted in a wonderful program about the George W. Bush Presidential Center, beautiful setting and delicious lunch.

I want to thank the 2009 board and committee chairmen for making it a great year for PCRW. Congratulations to our 2009 Betty Marquis Award winner, Debbie Georgatos. She is a great asset to our organization and helped me so much as incoming president in 2009.

Check out PCRW's newsletter editor, Kristina Kiik's first published newspaper article titled "New Year's Resolution" in the Dallas Morning News under "In this Issue".

Many members have already renewed their memberships by mail and online through the website. Thank you! If you have not yet done so, please mail your forms and dues to our 2010 treasurer, JoAnne Kroener (see her address below) or renew online.

Visit our website at [www.parkcitiesrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.parkcitiesrepublicanwomen.org) and get up to date information on events and activities. Check out the photo galleries and encourage friends to join and pay dues using pay pal.

Join us at the Meadows Museum on Tuesday, January 19th for the next General Meeting with Ambassador Jeanne Phillips as our speaker. Come early to meet and greet. Bring a friend!

Cindy Clendenen  
President, PCRW

## **Ambassador Jeanne Phillips**



Ms. Phillips has been a businesswoman for more than

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## **January 2010 Monthly Meeting**

### **Ambassador Jeanne Phillips**

Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
SMU Meadows Museum  
Meet and Greet 11:30 am  
Meeting Noon to 1 pm

### **2010 PCRW Winter & Spring Schedule**

*Unless otherwise noted, all monthly meetings are held at the SMU Meadows Museum with "meet and greet" beginning at 11:30 am and the meeting beginning at 12:00 pm. We normally adjourn by 1:00 pm.*



two decades in Texas, owning and operating one of the premier high-dollar fundraising companies which she established in 1981. In April 2005, she joined Hunt Consolidated, Inc. where she now serves as Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs and International Relations. She also serves as President of

Hunt Global Partnerships, Inc. which oversees social investments around the world on behalf of the company.

Ms. Phillips served President George W. Bush as the United States Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) with rank of Ambassador in Paris, France from 2001 until the summer of 2003. While at the OECD, she was the chief spokesperson for the United States on issues and policies before the OECD. Her primary policy interests were the enforcement of the Anti-Bribery Convention for the OECD, corporate governance and reform of the OECD (a post WWII organization) for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Upon her return to the United States, she founded International Strategic Partners, Inc. and accepted the role of Texas Vice Chairman for the Bush-Cheney '04 Campaign and for Victory 2004 with the Republican National Committee.

Following both the 2001 and 2004 Presidential campaigns, she was appointed by President Bush to serve as Executive Director and then Chairman of the 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural Committees. She is believed to be the only woman to lead two successive inaugural committees. As Executive Director of the 54<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural Committee, in just 32 days she mobilized and led a team of 600 employees and over 3,000 volunteers working with local and national governmental agencies, the U.S. military and numerous elected officials to plan and implement a complete schedule of Inaugural events.

Ms. Phillips served as Senior Advisor for National Finance in the 2000 Presidential campaign of then Governor George W. Bush, developing the original fundraising plan (Bush Pioneers) and structure for the finance organization in collaboration with the National Finance Chairman and the Finance Committee. She subsequently served as Deputy Chairman for Operations at the Republican National Committee in Washington, DC for Victory 2000 where she was extensively involved in budget activities, managing a volunteer national finance committee of over 2000 individuals during the general election.

A native of Arkansas, Ms. Phillips graduated from Southern Methodist University. She has lived in Dallas, Texas since 1976, where she has been honored for her committed community involvement.

Her current board and committee affiliations include: the Board of the George W. Bush Presidential Foundation; the Board of Trustees for SMU; the Board of Trustees for The Hockaday School; the Board of Directors of The American Hospital of Paris Foundation; Chair of the Executive Board of SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education & Human Development; the Council on Foreign Relations, New York City; the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies Advisory Board, Washington, DC; The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policies for the U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC; The Cooper Institute Board of Directors; the Junior League of Dallas Community Advisory Board; Ronald McDonald House Advisory Board; Safer Dallas Better Dallas Board; the Board of Directors of the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at SMU; the Executive Committee for Dedman College; the Dallas Summer Musicals Chairman's Circle; and the Advisory Board for the USC Center on Public Diplomacy.

In addition, Ms. Phillips was a delegate to the World Economic Forum in New York in 2002 and in Davos, Switzerland in 2003. In the fall of 2005, she was recognized as one of the 2005 Southern Methodist University Distinguished Alumni. In 2006, Kappa Kappa Gamma honored her with the prestigious National Alumnae Achievement Award. She received the YWCA Centennial Award in 2008, naming her as one of one hundred of the most influential women in Dallas over the past 100 years. Current memberships include: Charter 100, Inc.; Dallas Assembly; Dallas Woman's Club; Philosophical Society of Texas; American Petroleum Institute; Consular Corps of Dallas-Fort Worth; and St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

*Please feel free to bring a friend!*

## **President's Picks**

### **Suggested Reading**

[Going Rogue: An American Life by Sarah Palin](#)

## **New Year's Resolution**

*Kristina Kiik*

My New Year's resolution is to be on time. But the goal is not to remedy perpetual tardiness. I can say with absolute certainty that I've never been late. In fact, I'm always early. Very, very early.

This punctuality-plus is my trademark. But as another year draws to a close, I've come to realize this trait is not just a blessing but also a curse.

The origins of my extraordinarily timely behavior are unknown. According to my mother, it is a result of being born two weeks late. I've been trying to make up for the lost days ever since.

But I'm certain there is a genetic component, too. My father would leave for the airport several hours early long before the post-9/11 security measures. Today, if the TSA suggests arriving two hours before departure, my father and I get to the airport three hours early. And that's at the absolute latest.

I know where the lights are in every classroom on the Southern Methodist University campus. I'm often the one to turn them on. My professors expect me to be early. One recently remarked that I was "late" because I arrived only nine minutes before our scheduled appointment.

I met a friend for coffee last week, and she was early, "running on Kristina time," she

put it. But not surprising to her, as she entered Starbucks with time to spare, she found me already commandeering a coveted corner table.

I attribute a large part of my personal and professional success to being early. It is an uncommon quality, especially among my generation. This puzzles me because being on time is a simple gesture that costs nothing. And it pays dividends. Timeliness shows eagerness, interest and enthusiasm. It is demonstrated thoughtfulness, a contingency plan for the "just in case," an extra cushion in the event of emergency.

It is also a good professional skill. First impressions count, and nothing says "hire me" quite like arriving early to an interview. And returning assignments before they're due reflects excellent time management. No one ever got fired for being prompt.

Being late, on the other hand, is disrespectful and inconsiderate. It says "your time isn't as valuable as mine," or worse, "I'm more important than you." It is an act of pure selfishness. Tardiness, after all, is no inconvenience to the person running behind schedule. And, as I have learned in law school, the consequences of delay can be serious: An untimely filing can torpedo even the most iron-clad case.

But if I've learned any hard-and-fast rules in law school and in life it's that balance is preferable to the extremes.

It is one thing to be on time. It is another to be early at the expense of living. The clock and the calendar have no feelings, and loyalty to them is unreciprocated.

This is not to say that timeliness isn't next to godliness - it

certainly is in my book. But the important moments in life are the ones where time passes by much too quickly. A few extra minutes with family and friends means a great deal more than arriving to the next appointment with ample time to spare.

So in this time of new beginnings, I resolve to be a little less early and a lot more on time. But old habits are hard to break. I confess that I started my New Year's resolution early, before December even came to end: I submitted this piece to my editor only one day before it was due.

*This article appeared originally in the Decemeber 31, 2009, version of the Dallas Morning News.*

## **Photos**



### **PCRW 2010 Officers**

Front row L- R Debbie Georgatos, Cindy Clendenen, Lisa Luby Ryan, Kristie McCrary  
Back Row L- R Sandy Ammons, Angie King, Kristina Kiik, Kimber Hartmann, Candy Ward, JoAnne

Kroener, Judy Bennett



Ambassador Mark Langdale (center) with Robbie Briggs and Lisa Luby Ryan



**2009 Betty Marquis Award Winner - Debbie Georgatos**

L-R Cindy Clendenen, Betty Marquis and Debbie Georgatos

***2009 Board Members and Standing Committee Chairmen***

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