



PARK CITIES REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Newsletter

October 2009

Dear Jennifer,

The holidays are fast approaching. Now is the time to purchase a table at the PCRW Holiday Luncheon at a discount before October 31st. Make your checks out to PCRW-PAC and send them in today! Please see the details under "2009 Fall & Winter Schedule" by clicking on PCRW Holiday Luncheon.

We had perfect weather and more than 70 Republicans, guys and gals of all ages at the Fall Mixer. Jonathan Neerman and his family joined us and spoke a few words. He has done a great job recruiting judicial candidates for Dallas County and we met several of them at the Mixer. Be sure and sign their petitions to get them on the ballot. If they get enough signatures, the \$2,500 filing fee is waived.

Join me as a delegate or guest at the TFRW convention in Galveston November 13-15. Please see the details below. The deadline is approaching.

Greeting the Troops is an uplifting experience that I highly recommend. Natalie Harper and Ericka Salinas are organizing the next one at DFW airport on Saturday, November 7th.

Visit our website at 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.

I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting on October 13th at the lovely home of Helen and John Carona. The Senator will be our guest speaker. Invite a friend!

Cindy Clendenen

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October 2009 Monthly Meeting

John Carona

Texas State Senator

Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Home of Senator John Carona
6:00 - 7:30 pm

2009 PCRW Fall & Winter Schedule

October Evening Meeting

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6:00 - 7:30 pm

President, PCRW

By invitation for PCRW members and guests

About Our Speaker for the October 2009 Monthly Meeting

November 5
Monthly Meeting

Senator John Carona

December 9
[PCRW Holiday Luncheon](#)



Brook Hollow Golf Club
By invitation to PCRW members and their guests
Please make checks payable to PCRW-PAC

October Evening Meeting
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6:00 - 7:30 pm

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. Please feel free to bring a friend!

By invitation for PCRW members and guests

President's Picks

TFRW Biennial Convention

Suggested Reading

PCRW is able to send XX delegates to the TFRW Biennial Convention. The event is always a lot of fun, and please contact Cindy Clendenen if you're interested in serving as a delegate.

The Weekly Standard

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
27TH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 13 - 15, 2009

Other Dates of Interest

THE GALVESTON ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AT THE SAN LUIS RESORT
5600 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77551

Saturday, October 24, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Campaign Management School taught by TFRW at Dallas GOP HQ. Registration fee includes continental breakfast & lunch. \$50 per person or \$85 per couple (share a book)
Make checks payable to: TFRW/PAC
Mail with form to: TFRW PAC
1108 Lavaca, Suite 505
Austin, Texas 78701

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Campaign Management School - Galveston Island Hilton 8:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday, October 24, 2009
Stay current on the issues most important to you.

Committee Meetings (if needed) 2:00pm

Deputy President and District Director Meeting 3:00pm
TFRW Executive and Board of Directors meeting - 4:00pm
TFRW Reception and President Farewell Dinner - 6:30pm

Join us for an informative discussion led by Jennifer Vermeulen on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

Registration & Vendors - Galveston Island Convention Center 1st Floor and Hall A 8:00am - 6:00pm

America's Health Care Crisis: The Conservative Response

CONVENTION OPENING SESSION - Hall B 1:00pm - 4:30pm
OPENING COCKTAIL RECEPTION - Moody Gardens, Galveston

Saturday, October 24, 2009

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Hosted by:

5:30pm - 7:30pm
KEYNOTE SPEAKER - LT. GOV. DAVID DEWHURST
Hospitality Suites TBA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Registration & Vendors - Galveston Island Convention Center 1st
Floor and Hall A 8:00am - 6:00pm
Continental Breakfast-Galveston Island Hilton 7:30am - 8:30am
CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION - Hall B 9:00am - 11:30pm
Awards Luncheon - Grand Ballroom 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Keynote Speaker - AG Greg Abbott
Workshop 2:30pm - 3:30pm
3:45pm - 4:45pm
"10 Outstanding" Reunion and Patrons Reception 5:45pm
"10 Outstanding" Banquet - Grand Ballroom 7:00pm
Keynote Speaker - Janine Turner
Hospitality Suites

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

Memorial Breakfast - Grand Ballroom 7:00am
Keynote Speaker - Comm. Todd Staples
Registration & Vendors - Galveston Island Convention Center 1st
Floor and Hall A 8:00am - noon
Senate District Caucus Meetings 8:30am
CONVENTION CLOSING SESSION -Hall B 9:30am - 11:15am
Officer Installation Luncheon - Grand Ballroom 11:30am - 1:30pm

Cindy Weber
3513 Drexel Drive, 75205

Members and guests welcome.

R.s.v.p. by email to
pcrw@parkcitiesrepublicanwomen.com
or [here](#).
Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will
be served.

Newsletter feedback

PCRW is committed to using
today's technology to keep in
touch with current members and
to reach out to prospective
members. As we develop our
electronic interface, we would
welcome your feedback. Please
contact [Kristina Kiik](#), Newsletter
Editor, with any suggestions on
how we can improve our
communications.

PCRW Photos



Jeanne O'Neill and Gail Madden PCRW member Jeanne O'Neill gathering signatures for petition for
Judicial Office for the husband, Justice Mike O'Neill.



Pam Milacek and Cris Gilbert visit Park Cities Republican Women's September General Meeting



PCRW President Cindy Clendenen with County Commissioner Maurine Dickey and PCRW Arrangements Chairman Kristie McCrary who introduced the commissioner.



PCRW President Cindy Clendenen with SMU Republicans at Fall Mixer.

America's Healthcare Debate: Staying the Course

Jennifer Vermeulen

It's as though August was just a bad dream. In town hall meetings across the nation, lawmakers were confronted by hundreds of thousands of angry voters over the government's attempts at health care "reform." Rallies and protest marches stretched from coast to coast. The August Recess of 2009 was no holiday for congressmen and senators returning home to their constituents. Countless petitions, phone calls, emails, and letters were dispatched to every single representative from the US Congress and Senate. But today it's as if it all had never happened. The Democrats march on undeterred.

This fight is far from over. In the coming weeks actual legislation will be taking shape and will be brought forward for debate, perhaps even a vote. The basic groundwork has already been laid and much remains to be settled behind closed doors before a final draft is presented. Therefore, it remains as important as ever for concerned Americans to stay vigilant. Here are three suggestions for being effectively engaged in this national debate.

Educate yourself. This topic can become overwhelming so quickly, and it takes on new forms and nuances with each day. It can be very tempting to distance oneself from the devilish details if just to keep from drowning in too much information. So allow me to make this suggestion: refresh yourself weekly from a reliable media outlet. Aim only to get a big-picture understanding. Mentally highlight two or three talking points so you are able to converse casually, yet effectively, on the issue. I find online sources to be the most convenient and up-to-date. These sources are also easily shared with family, friends and colleagues, either by word-of-mouth or by links and email.

Equip yourself. Beyond being able to identify the problems with the government's take-over of the health care system, the Conservative must be equipped to provide an alternative. It is not enough that we disagree; we must be able to offer a more reasonable approach to the legitimate concerns of the current state of health care in America. **It is for this important reason that Park Cities Republican Women will host a special health care event, Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 pm.** We encourage you to join us at this event where you will be equipped with the knowledge and confidence

to share the Conservative response to the health care debate.

And finally, you must engage. Steps One and Two will empower you to join with the millions of other Americans who have organized on the grassroots level to take on Washington and their dirty meddling in our health care. However, with knowledge comes responsibility. We have the responsibility to engage in this discussion both as individuals and collectively as an organization. Share your knowledge and perspectives with those close to you. Make sure your voting-age children are educated, equipped, and engaged in the issue. Contact your representatives - or even those who aren't, but who carry clout over this debate - and keep the pressure up. And above all, engage in the democratic process whenever the opportunity presents itself. The freedom to participate in our own representation was brought to this country at a great price. May we always be gratefully and faithfully engaged.

2009 Board Members and Standing Committee Chairmen

Board Members

President: Cindy Clendenen
Vice President, Programs: Cindy Weber
Vice President, Campaigns: Stacey Branch
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Standing Committee

Arrangements: Kristie McCrary
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Internal Review Co-Chair: Ruth Kelton
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Member Relations: Claire Boston
New Member Packets: Leanne McKinley
Student Outreach: Natalie Harper
Publicity/Website: Jenn Vermeulen
Yearbook: Tiffany Wyde
Young Professionals: Ericka Salinas

Membership Renewal

PCRW offers several levels of membership:

Active Member (women, primary club membership): \$50

Associate Member (men, and women who hold primary membership in another club): \$30

Student (for students between the ages of 18-24): \$15

Friend of PCRW (special giving opportunity with some enhanced benefits): \$200

We ask that you kindly submit your 2009 dues as soon as possible. Membership renewal forms are available [here](#).

Please send your form and payment to Beverly Cahill Rice (PCRW Treasurer), Beasley, Hightower & Hartmann, PC, 1700 Pacific Avenue-Suite 4450, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Useful Contacts

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[Republican National Committee \(RNC\)](#)

[Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison](#)
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