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PARK CITIES REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Effectively promoting Republican values and candidates in North Texas since 1960.

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Newsletter

March 2010

Dear Jennifer,

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

Lisa Luby Ryan has done an excellent job as Chairman of PCRW "Friends" hosting two elegant events with pillars of the city of Dallas as guest speakers, Ebby Halliday Acers and Mayor Tom Leppert. Thank you, Lisa!

The "Evening with Mayor Leppert" was a grand success. The mayor and his wife Laura were so gracious to spend time with PCRW "Friends"; and the mayor presented an informative program about our city.

Plan on bringing a young professional, college student or younger voting age relative to Happy Hour at Cantina Laredo in Inwood Village to meet and greet Republican candidates on Wednesday, March 3rd.

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.

See you at the Meadows Museum on Tuesday, March 9th for the next General Meeting with Rep. Dan Branch and Dr. Sandra Chapman as guest speakers. Come early to meet and greet. Bring a friend! Pick up your PCRW 2010 directory at the meeting.

Cindy

Cindy Clendenen
 President, PCRW

March Speaker

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March 2010 Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

SMU Meadows Museum

Meet and Greet 11:30 am
 Meeting 12:00 to 1:00 pm

2010 PCRW Winter & Spring Schedule

PCRW Spring Mixer

Wednesday, March 3
 Cantina Laredo

Dan Branch

Rep. Dan Branch serves as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from Dallas (Dist. 108). Elected in 2002, as a Republican, he represents downtown, uptown and near east Dallas, as well as the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park.

Branch is Chairman of the Higher Education Committee, serves on the Judiciary & Civil

Jurisprudence Committee and is a member of the Legislative Budget Board. He is also the Republican Chair of the Dallas Area Legislative Delegation. Last session, he served as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Higher & Public Education Finance. Additionally, he served three terms as the Chair of Budget & Oversight on House Public Education Committee, and last session, served as Vice Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

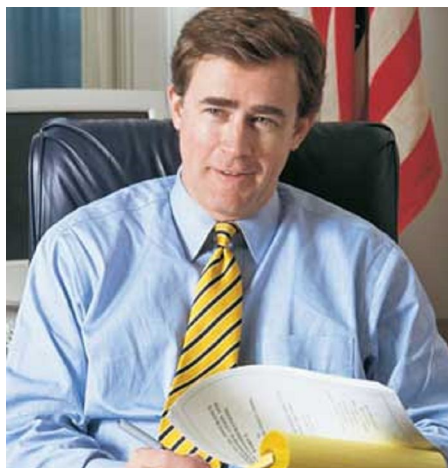
This year, Branch passed major initiatives to create more Tier One universities in Texas, reform the Top 10% college admissions rule and expand the use of interactive content and digital textbooks in our public schools. In recognition of his work, both Capitol Inside and Texas Monthly named Branch among their best legislators of the 2009 Session. In addition, he was named to The Dallas Morning News Legislative Leader Board.

Some of his past public service awards include: Texas Medical Association Medical Student Division's "2007 Legislator of the Year," the United States Humane Society Humane State Legislator Award;" and, over the years, multiple "Champion of Free Enterprise" awards from the Texas Association of Business.

In addition to his service in the Legislature, Branch is a corporate lawyer and shareholder of Winstead PC. He is a former judicial clerk to Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Jack Pope and a former aide to the late U.S. Senator John Tower. Branch is a member of the bars of Texas, New York and the District of Columbia.

Beyond his professional service, Branch is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, a former president of The Dallas Assembly and a former Chairman of the Texas Public Finance Authority, appointed by Governor George W. Bush. Branch is a Fellow of the Aspen Institute's Rodel program, Class of 2008. In addition, he is the chairman of SMU's John Tower Center for Political Studies, and serves on numerous boards, including The Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C., the Boy Scouts of America/Circle Ten Council and the Southwestern Medical Foundation in Dallas.

A graduate of the SMU School of Law and the Institute on Comparative Political & Economic Systems at Georgetown



(upstairs/no elevator)
165 Inwood Village
Dallas, Texas 75209
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Please bring a friend and/or college aged and older children
Casual meet and greet with Republican candidates

R.s.v.p. [by email](#)

Tuesday, March 9

Meet and Greet 11:30 - 12:00
Meeting 12:00 - 1:00
Meadows Museum

Tuesday, April 20 EVENING MEETING

Location TBA
6:00 - 7:30

Tuesday, September 21

11:30 a.m.
Meadows Museum

Tuesday, October 19

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
TBA

Tuesday, November 16

11:30 a.m.
Meadows Museum

Wednesday, December 8

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Brook Hollow Golf Club

Other Dates of Interest

March 20 (Saturday)
Senate District Conventions

April 13 (Tuesday)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
RUNOFF ELECTION (if applicable)

June 11-12 (Friday and Saturday)
GOP State Convention, Dallas

President's Picks

Suggested Reading

[The Federalist Papers](#)

Useful Contacts

[Park Cities Republican Women \(PCRW\)](#)

[PCRW E-Mail](#)

University, he holds two undergraduate degrees from Oklahoma Christian University, graduating summa cum laude in 1980. Dan and his wife, Stacey, live in Dallas along with their five children.



Dr. Sandra Bond Chapman, Ph.D., founder and chief director, Distinguished Professor at Center for BrainHealth®, The University of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Chapman's research is advancing a better understanding of how to protect and heal cognitive brain function from brain injuries and diseases, and how to strengthen healthy brain development across the lifespan. She believes brain health and maximizing brain function is a cause that touches everybody. As chief director of the Center for

BrainHealth®, her vision is for Texas to become an international focal point for brain health discovery by applying the latest in brain research to faster treatments than anything that has come before.

Dr. Chapman is a cognitive neuroscientist and was awarded one of top 25 Changemakers of 2009 by the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Journal and has been featured on CNN, Forbes Magazine, Texas Monthly as well as national and local news.

"Until recently, our whole idea of fitness stopped at the neck. Now, thanks to new breakthroughs in brain science we are discovering key ways to build a healthy brain and to repair to brain injury and disease," said Dr. Chapman, who also holds the Dee Wyly Distinguished Professor in BrainHealth and is a professor in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at UT Dallas.

Dr. Chapman research areas are devoted to:

- develop more sensitive benchmark and diagnostic measures;
- design and test cutting-edge brain training/cognitive training to build stronger brain function; and
- measure brain change and real-life improvements in response to new treatments.

With more than 100 publications and 30 funded research grants, her research spans the age spectrum from studies that evaluate the brain's capacity to rewire in brain-injured children and adolescents, to research focused on understanding the potential for plasticity in the workplace and throughout adulthood into advanced age.

She has developed diagnostic measures and high-level cognitive treatment protocols to maximize cognitive function in both people with healthy brains and those with brain injury, stroke, ADHD, Alzheimer's disease and other progressive brain diseases, autism, poverty, schizophrenia, among others. On the new frontier of brain research, Dr. Chapman is collaborating with brain scientists across the country to solve some of the most important issues concerning the brain and its health.

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PCRW is among the largest Republican women's clubs in Texas, and is dedicated to supporting the election and appointment of Republicans to public office. PCRW was founded in 1960 and has worked diligently for more than 45 years to encourage qualified candidates to run for office, to support Republican values in candidates and officeholders, and to educate its members and the public on the important political issues facing Texas. Membership in PCRW is open to all registered voters who support the Republican Party.

Membership Renewal

PCRW offers several levels of membership:

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

Student Voting

Helping Your College Student Rock the Vote...

They've got their books, their laptop, their course schedule and their degree plan, but do they have the tools to cast their vote? If you have a college student living out of the area, they can still vote from their home address after following a few simple steps:

Step One: Your Student Must be Registered to Vote

Your student can register at the local registrar's office or download an online application from the Texas Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.tx.us/index.html, under the Election and Voter Information tab.

Step Two: Make Sure Your Student is Not Registered in Multiple Locations

Students living several months out of the year in different locations need to decide which location will be considered their permanent address.

Step Three: Request an Absentee Ballot

Those who choose their "home" address as their permanent residence, but will not be in the county during the voting period, may request a ballot by mail from the Texas Secretary of State through their website, <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/pamphlets/earlyvote.shtml>

Step Four: Return the Ballot On Time

Absentee ballots must be received between the 60th day and the 7th day before an election to be counted.

If the 7th day prior to an election falls on a weekend, the last day to submit a ballot is the preceding Friday.

The Millennial Generation (Age 18-29) has been raised in the wake of September 11th, the wars in the Middle East and other national crises such as Hurricane Katrina. They've seen how the decisions of elected leaders can directly affect their own lives, and they're more connected than any generation before.

The 18-29 age group makes up almost 20% of the electorate, but they turnout to vote in far fewer numbers than their counterparts. Even from afar, we can still help instill civic responsibility in our students during their academic career and encourage them to exercise their voice and their vote.

More questions? No problem. Just call or write us at Dan Branch's new campaign office:

3953 Maple Avenue
Suite 105
Dallas, TX 75219
(214)-745-5768

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 2010 dues as soon as possible. [Membership renewal forms are available here.](#) Please send your form and payment to JoAnne Kroener (PCRW Treasurer), 4240 Prescott Ave. #8C, Dallas, TX 75219.

info@danbranch.com

Friends of PCRW

Friends" is a group of people within Park Cities Republican Women who have donated at an elevated giving level for the purpose of enhancing PCRW's ability to support Republican candidates through direct donations as well as through events that offer opportunities for Republican candidates to meet and connect with voters. PCRW thanks the members of Friends of PCRW for their generosity. For more information about the Friends program, please contact Lisa Luby Ryan. The members of Friends of PCRW as of March 1, 2010 include:

Cathie Adams	Michael Flusche	Urve Kiik	Milla Perry
Sandy Ammons	Marjorie Winn Ford	Angie King	Marilyn Platt
Claudia Armstrong	Michaela Frederick	Rita Klein	Judy Pollock
Pam Balsler	Heather Furniss	Jo Anne Kroener	Ann Quest
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Dan Branch	Carmen Glenn	Carole Lee	Carolyn C. Rogers
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Robbie Briggs	Sarah Hancock	Mary Clare Madeley	Sharon Smith
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Barbara Hunt Crow	Doris Jacobs	Justice Mary Murphy	Cindy Weber
Hon. Maurine Dickey	Ramona Jones	Barb Olsen	Lisa Hart Willis
Mary Ellen Dill	Margaret Keliher	Debra Sue Payne	Laura Woodall
			Debra Wright

Photos



Front row L-R: Rick Green, Justice Rebecca Simmons, Justice Rick Strange, Judge Debra Lehrmann and Justice Jeff Brown
 Second row L - R: Cindy Clendenen, Justice Jim Moseley and Kimber Hartmann



L- R Jennie Gilchrist and Judge Sandra Ellis

2009 Board Members and Standing Committee Chairmen

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