



LONE STAR LEGACY

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From the President...

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” Henry Ford

I hope that all of you are having a great summer. There is a lot to talk about this time so I'm going to start where it hurts all of us the most and that's with the price of gasoline and our oil industry. A lot of you missed last month's meeting in which I briefly talked about the oil industry and our simple (but gov't complex) solutions to our crisis. Let's talk about this some more because I want you to understand that there isn't a SUPPLY and DEMAND problem. There are two reasons for the oil crisis. The weak dollar and speculators. Whenever you have a weak dollar the market for commodities thrives. Oil, gold, corn, wheat, etc. are all commodities and are driven by the weak dollar along with the speculators. When you begin to see the dollar strengthen you will see the price in the commodities come down. That's how part of the market works. One way to help strengthen the dollar is to cut corporate taxes. The United States has the highest corporate tax in the world. If we lowered the tax to 15% that allows companies to hire more and expand more and not outsource their business. When you hire and expand more the companies have better revenues and the dollar strengthens. Senator McCain supports cutting corporate tax. The DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS does not!! Next are the speculators that have taken hold of the commodities market at our expense. Usually the market allows for about a 10% speculation in all industries. Right now in the oil market that speculation is around 90%. Way out of control and there seems to be no concern in our government. Even our Energy Secretary

doesn't believe in speculators. Well, I say it's time for all of the politicians that believe our problem is supply and demand, pull their heads out of their behinds and breathe some fresh air and learn to read the news wires that come across their desk every day. Where do you think I found my information? It's there for them as well. We have more oil in inventory and more waiting with nowhere to store it. Let me give you some facts. If you read Business Newsweek, Oil & Gas Journal, Speigel Online, Chron.com, Bloomberg, and many others you will see that the facts are there to support the theory for the weak dollar but most importantly the SPECULATORS are out there in force. In Bloomberg the other day, Iran has 15 supertankers idling in the Persian Gulf that has the ability to store more than 30 million barrels of crude. Out of a newspaper in Houston, the Thunder horse platform is finally pumping OIL & GAS after a 3 year delay. It will be pumping approximately 2.5 million barrels a day. There is another platform 150 miles southeast of New Orleans that will produce 250,000 barrels a day of oil and 200 million cubic feet of natural gas. Thunder horse will be the biggest producer in the Gulf. And we haven't even touched new drilling in ANWR and other areas. What you will hear from the liberal media is when tankers are coming to the US to leave their oil they aren't able to dock or get here because of the weather and any other excuse is given. This too has already been proven as a lie going back and looking at the weather charts. What happens lately is that these big oil tankers are full of oil and the refineries are not taking the oil because they aren't going to pay the price per barrel for this oil, so we have more oil sitting out in the gulf and other areas waiting to be bought. So, simply put we have the SUPPLY. Now for demand, if you drive any distance to work like I do and my husband, the roads are not as

crowded as they once were. People aren't driving. More are carpooling and unfortunately for some, just aren't going into work. They can't afford the price of gasoline. The demand in China is down by 500 million barrels a day. Truckers are striking and not driving. I could go on and on, but the point is DEMAND is down. So, for me and many others there is no supply and demand problem. Most of our problem is with the speculators. This problem began several years ago with ENRON and several of our politicians. I will expand on this topic next month because there is a lot of valuable information that you need to know. Just remember for now, there is no SUPPLY and DEMAND problem, but that is what you will continue to hear from our liberal media and politicians and sadly some of our conservative politicians.

Let's talk for a moment about the campaign. I'm sure you are tired of hearing this but I'm going to keep saying it. This is the MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION EVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ALL UP TO YOU!! Do you want to keep the freedoms that you love and cherish or do you want to lose those freedoms to a liberal socialist society? For me the answer to that question is very simple. I intend to keep my freedom by supporting the REPUBLICAN PARTY and our REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN. With the Republican Party you have less government, less taxes, a free capital market, family values and the upholding of our Constitution. With that other party you will get taxed to death, the government in your house everyday telling you what you can and can't do, the loss of our Constitutional rights, and they could care less how much your family suffers. It is time to take a stand and start talking to everyone about the pitfalls of the Democratic Party. Remember that Senator Barak Hussein Mohammad Obama a freshman senator with NO experience and he is the most

liberal senator on the floor. More liberal than Ted Kennedy!! I have a client in the state of Michigan, which is very liberal and here is what he emailed me just this morning. "We have a liberal government here in the state of Michigan and last year our governor raised business taxes to raise an additional \$1.4 million dollars for the state. Now, they are coming up with a \$500 million dollar shortfall for this year. Go figure! Instead of freezing wages or reducing wages, combining departments and layoffs all they can come up with is additional taxes. Unemployment is 8.5% and rising in Michigan but we will raise taxes. I want less government." Ladies you don't grow the economy by raising taxes. Ireland has the lowest tax rate for corporations and their economy is growing. The new governor of Louisiana has slashed taxes in his state after the hurricane and that finally seems to be helping them a lot. Our problems are very fixable. They all have simple solutions but the politicians want everything to be complex. You have to support the right party for solutions and growth and there is only one party for that fix--- REPUBLICAN.

I hope to see more of you at the upcoming meeting. We have a mission and you are a part of that mission. Get involved and stay involved. We need and want you

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AUGUST 2, 2008
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVENT
HAMBURGER COOKOUT
BRING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
THINK YOUNG....**

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HOSPITALITY JUDY FLANIGAN

Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford meets the third Thursday of each month. So, just calendar our meetings for the whole year and plan to be at our next regular monthly luncheon on Thursday, July 17, 2008 from 11:30 am – 1:00 PM. We meet at the Doss Heritage & Culture Center located at 1400 Texas Drive in Weatherford. Cost is \$10.00 per person for the catered meal. Invite a friend or two! If you are not on our standing reservation list, please RSVP no later than Tuesday, July 15, 2008 by calling my cell (817) 925-6425 or at my office (817) 596-4200 or email me at judy@philking.com. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Senator John Cornyn, Carolyn Estes, and Toni Ann Dasnell, Tribute to Women Luncheon, 2008 Texas State Convention

We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.



Scenes from 2008 State Convention

**WHAT YOU WON'T HEAR ABOUT
CINDY MCCAIN ON THE NEWS**

Bet you would have never guessed this one! No matter your politics. The media will never tell of this, so pass it on.

There was an article in the Wall Street Journal on Cindy McCain, John's wife. All I ever saw was this attractive woman standing beside John. I was surprised how talented and involved with world problems she is. This is a summary of the article.

She graduated from Southern Cal and was a special-needs teacher.

After her Dad died she became involved with his beer distributing firm and is now the chairwoman. Sales have doubled since she has taken over from her father.

They have a marriage prenuptial agreement, her assets remain separate.

She is involved around the world clearing land mines - travels to these countries on a detonation team and service on their board.

They have a 19 year old serving in Iraq, another son in the Naval Academy, a daughter recently

graduated from Columbia Univ., an adopted daughter in high school, and a son who is the finance guy at the beer firm.

Raised kids in Phoenix, Az rather than Washington DC.(better atmosphere) He commuted.

In 1991, Mrs. McCain came across a girl in an orphanage in Bangladesh. Mother Teresa implored Mrs. McCain to take the baby with severe cleft palate. She did so without first telling her husband. The couple adopted the girl who has had a dozen operations to repair her cleft palate and other medical problems.

They have a Family Foundation for children's causes.

She's active with 'Halo Trust' - to clear land mines, provide water and food in war ravaged and developing countries. She will join an overseas mission of 'Operation Smile', a charity for corrective

surgery on children's faces

She has had two back surgeries and became addicted to pain killers.

She talks openly about it which she says is part of the recovery process.

I'm surprised the media is so quiet about her attributes. She sounds more capable than Hillary or Obama. We would really get two for the price of one. Cindy is a person with business and international experience.

John did work for the firm for a while when he left the Navy. She, however, has the real business experience. Very interesting!



Flags waive as District 30 is well represented at the 2008 State Convention

LEGISLATIVE ROBIN GENTRY

If you read my article in last months issue, you are aware of the assault on the 2nd amendment. In my opinion we had a major victory this month, but at the same time very scary. The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that Americans have a right to own guns. In doing so they rejected a 32-year-old ban on handguns in the District of Columbia. The ruling is historic. It is the first time the court has issued a pronouncement on gun rights. This however was accomplished by a margin of only one vote. Americans almost lost their right to keep and bear arms by one vote!!

The 2nd Amendment states "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." The court had not interpreted the amendment since its ratification. The judgment by the court protects and individual's right to own a gun. It knocks down the argument that when it states a militia in the amendment it means that only people in a state militia or military should be allowed to keep and bear arms.

One of the dissenting judges, Justice John Paul Stevens, wrote that the majority "would have us believe that over 200 years ago, the Framers made a choice to limit the tools available to elected officials wishing to regulate civilian uses of weapons."

Justice Stephen Breyer wrote a separate dissent in which he said, "In my view, there simply is no untouchable constitutional right guaranteed by the Second Amendment to keep loaded handguns in the house in crime ridden urban areas." This is the fuzzy logic we see all too often. We know when you ban guns only law abiding citizens do not have guns. The

CRIMINALS always seem to get them.
HUM!!!

Justice Scalia said nothing in the Thursday June 26, 2008, ruling should "cast doubt on long-standing prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons or the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government builds. The vote went as follows. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas supported the decision. The dissenters were Justices Stephen Breyer, John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter. This should surprise none of us that have followed the supreme court's rulings. It is another example of why this election is so important. Justices Beyer and Ginsburg are rumored to want to retire, but are waiting until after the election in hopes that liberal judges can take their place and continue to undermine the constitutions meaning.



Patriotic delegates at the 2008 State Convention



**MARC HILDENBRAND
TO SPEAK AT JULY BLRWW MEETING**

Marc Hildenbrand is Chief of Staff of Hillwood Properties senior development manager at AllianceTexas. In this capacity, he managed the environmental compliance program and land development coordination for Hillwood’s Nortex Gas partnership. He has been a key player in Hillwoods emergency response planning. Finally, Hildenbrand served as Secretary of the 35W Coalition, a public and private partnership, focusing on efforts to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance quality development in the I-35W northern corridor. Marc Hildenbrand brings a decorated military background to Hillwood. Prior to joining Hillwood, Hildenbrand served 24 years on active duty in Americas Army. He retired as a Colonel in 2003. His military career included such posts as Executive Officer to the Chief of Engineers at the Army Corps of Engineers where he was responsible for the coordination of a 600 person staff and an annual operating budget exceeding \$10 billion. Later, he served as Senior Military Aide to the Secretary of the Army. In this post, he represented the Secretary in dealing with leaders at the highest levels of government and private enterprise. Additionally, Hildenbrand led 3,000 soldiers in combat in Iraq as the commander of the 937th Engineer Group. As part of the 3rd Infantry Division, Hildenbrand’s unit executed more than 1,000 construction projects in the Baghdad area and received the Presidential Unit Citation.

Hildenbrand is a 1979 West Point graduate. He earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University in 1987 and a Master of Military Arts and Sciences from the Command and General Staff College in 1992. In addition, Hildenbrand is a graduate of the School of Advanced Military Studies and the United States Army War College.



To whom it may concern: (I surely do hope it concerns every one of you!) We are in desperate need of workers to register voters at the Peach Festival, July 12th from noon to two and two to four.

Reasons to refuse to help:

- It’s hot.
- I’m busy.
- John McCain is not my first choice.
- I’m just not interested!
- I’m unhappy with things as they are.

Guess what!

Say to yourself, “President Obama”

Say to yourself, “More Taxes”

Say to yourself, “Gun control!”

Say to yourself, “I don’t care about what happens to our military.” Some of them died for us! Don’t you care about the families they left behind?

Then realize you have time to do what is important to you. You won’t be any hotter than any one else. Our soldiers are living and fighting in full battle gear in the 130° heat in Iraq and Afghanistan! We MUST elect McCain and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This election could very well be decided by the young adults and independent voters. You better know the Democrats will be out there. Can you please help us? **The family you save, may be your own!**

Carolyn Estes

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Delegates visit with Roger Williams at Senator Cornyn’s reception during 2008 State Convention

I DON'T CARRY A GUN TO KILL PEOPLE

Submitted by Jerry Buckner

I don't carry a gun to kill people
I carry a gun to keep from being killed.

I don't carry a gun to scare people.
I carry a gun because sometime this world can be a
scary place.

I don't carry a gun because I'm paranoid.
I carry a gun because there are real threats in the
world.

I don't carry a gun because I'm evil.
I carry a gun because I have lived long enough to see
the evil in the world.

I don't carry a gun because I hate the government.
I carry a gun because I understand the limitations of
government.

I don't carry a gun because I'm angry.
I carry a gun so that I don't have to spend the rest of
life hating myself for failing to be prepared.

I don't carry a gun because I want to shoot someone.
I carry a gun because I want to die at a ripe old age
in my bed,
And not on a sidewalk somewhere tomorrow
afternoon.

I don't carry a gun because I'm a cowboy.
I carry a gun because, when I die and go to heaven, I
want to be a cowboy.

I don't carry a gun to make me feel like a man.
I carry a gun because men know how to take care of
themselves and the ones they love.

I don't carry a gun because I feel inadequate.
I carry a gun because unarmed and facing three
armed thugs, I am inadequate.

I don't carry a gun because I love it.
I carry a gun because I love life and the people who
make it meaningful to me.

AN EARLY STARS AND STRIPES

During the Revolutionary War, several patriots made flags for our new Nation. Among them were Cornelia Bridges, Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross, and Rebecca Young, all of Pennsylvania, and John Shaw of Annapolis, Maryland. Although Betsy Ross, the best known of these persons, made flags for 50 years, there is no proof that she made the first Stars and Stripes. It is known that she made flags for Pennsylvania State Navy in 1777. The flag popularly known as the "Betsy Ross flag" which arranged the stars in a circle, did not appear until the early 1790's. The claims of Betsy Ross were first brought to the attention of the public in 1870 by one of her grandsons, William J. Canby. In a paper he read before the meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Canby stated:

"It is not tradition, it is report from the lips of the principal participator in the transaction, directly told not to one or two, but a dozen or more living witnesses, of which I myself am one, though but a little boy when I heard it.....Colonel Ross with Robert Morris and General Washington, called on Mrs. Ross and told her they were a committee of Congress, and wanted her to make a flag from the drawing, a rough one, which, upon her suggestions, was redrawn by General Washington in pencil in her back parlor. This was prior to the Declaration of Independence. I fix the date to be during Washington's visit to Congress from New York in June, 1776 when he came to confer upon the affairs of the Army, the flag being no doubt, one of these affairs."



**Bush Legacy Republican Women of
Weatherford
June 19, 2008
Doss Heritage & Cultural Center
Weatherford, Texas**

The regular monthly meeting of Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford was called to order at 12:00 noon, President Jenny Barnwell presiding.

Pat Martin gave the invocation. Pledge to American Flag was lead by Robin Gentry. The Salute to the Texas Flag was lead by Carolyn Estes.

The president welcomed and recognized the elected officers of the club and guests.

Dottie Worthington introduced our speaker.

A quorum check was made and there was a quorum present.

Minutes of the May meeting were presented and approved as read.

Jan Barton, Treasurer was not present and a Treasurer report was not given. It will be given next month when Treasurer returns..

Membership, reported that we have 44 members and 7 associate members

Campaign and PR chair, Regina DeVore, ask that we remember to keep up with our volunteer hours.

Gina Osbourne from the Voter's Registration office was introduced. It was announced that she would stay until after we adjourn to deputize any member that wants to become a deputy.

Bylaws & Legislation chair, Robin Gentry, ask that we read the article she wrote for this months newsletter concerning the revisions.

Emily from Roger Williams's office spoke to us about the upcoming events for Victory 2008 and asks that we try to participate.

Hospitality chair, Judy Flanagan reported we had twelve members present and six guests. Judy asks that we encourage guests to come to the upcoming meetings.

Elyse Carter, Finance, reported she had organized her committee and would present the events at the next meeting.

The sign up sheet for voter's registration at the Peach Festival was passed for all volunteers that could participate.

The drawing was held for door prizes.

A motion was made by Dottie Worthington to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robin Gentry. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm.



June meeting of BLRWW

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler Page

**Bush Legacy Republican Women
Of Weatherford**

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**Dates to
Remember**

July 17, 2008
11:30 AM

BLRWW Meeting
Doss Heritage &
Cultural Center

**Bush Legacy Republican Women Of
Weatherford
Officers**

President	Jenny Barnwell
1 st VP Programs	Dottie Worthington
2 nd VP Membership	Cris Rice
3 rd VP Campaign & PR	Regina DeVore
4 th VP Finance	Elyse Carter
5 th VP ByLaws & Legislation	Robin Gentry
6 th VP Hospitality	Judy Flanagan
Secretary	Pat Martin
Corresponding Secretary/ Newsletter	Joan Shaw
Treasurer	Jan Barton
Parliamentarian	Jeane Brunson
Advisor	Carolyn Estes

Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford

**IT'S NOT THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP;
IT'S THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP**

- BLRWW Website and Monthly Newsletters with web based meeting reservations and reminders
- Arm Yourself with Political Knowledge and Education
- Meet Area Leaders and Politicians
- Opportunity to Network with Others and Become a Mentor to Others
- Become a Leader; Join Other Members in a Leadership Role in Our Community
- Assist in Making Republican Issues Visible to the Community
- Assist to Register Voters
- Advertise In the BLRWW Newsletter
- Membership to TFRW and NFRW
- Keeping you Informed on Important Issues with Informative Programs and Outstanding Speakers
- Build Lasting Friendships and Memories with fellow Republicans
- Serve on Community Service Projects
- As a Member You Support Our Troops in BLRWW Projects
- As a Member You Become an Advocate For Republican Principles
- Learn About and Support Great BLRWW Scholarships Programs
- Attend or Assist with Fundraisers
- Annual Christmas Party, Membership Drive and Other Fellowship Activities Throughout the Year
- Learn About Political Meetings Happening in Your Neighborhood

WHAT'S IN YOUR BLRWW WALLET?

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. Mr. Other Title _____

() Name: _____

() Address: _____

() City, State, Zip: _____

() Home Phone: _____

() Cell Phone: _____

() Work Phone: _____

() Email: _____

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IT'S THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Date: _____

Member Occupation: _____

(REQUIRED)

_____ Regular Membership is \$100.00

_____ Dual Membership \$90.00

_____ Primary Club: _____

_____ Associate Membership \$90.00

(Republican men, spouse, etc.)

() Husband's Name: _____

Birthday: Month _____ / Day _____

Voting Precinct Number: _____

Make A Difference! Join A Committee.

_____ Yes, contact me regarding the following BLRWW activities

___ Awards ___ Campaign Activities ___ Hospitality

___ Peach Festival ___ Voter Registration

Other: _____