

What an exciting year! The WPRW July Newsletter



August Meeting

The West Pearland Republican Women will hold their next regular meeting on **Thursday, May 2nd**. We will return to **Spring Creek BBQ** (<http://www.springcreekbarbeque.com/pearland.htm>) located at **9005 Broadway, Pearland, TX, 77584**. The Meet and Greet begins at **6:30 PM** followed by the meeting at **7:00 PM**. The community is welcome to attend!

This month, Scott Sherman of the Pearland City Council will give us an update on what is happening with the City and specifically West Pearland issues. Take this opportunity to meet the council that influences the shape of our city. We hope to see all of you there!

2013 Proudly Red Fundraiser

We are moving forward with our annual ***Proudly Red*** event, Saturday, August 24, 2013. I hope everyone is encouraging all your friends to come. We have kept the cost as low as possible, \$40 per ticket for open seating or \$500 for a table for 8 with reserve seating. Comedian and Fox News contributor, Steven Crowder is now under contract. Sarah Von Dran is working hard on the live and silent auction items. If you have something to contribute or know of someone who does, please contact her at 713-340-3010 or bigbadoma@att.net. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 713-253-1912 or fundraiser@wprw.org.

Mopsie Thornborrow
Fundraiser Chair



The Fight Against Common Core

Two competing forces are pushing America's K-12 education system today: one in an effort to infuse education choice into a long stagnant system, empowering parents with the ability to send their child to a school which meets her unique learning needs and the other an effort to further centralize education through Common Core national standards and tests.

The Heritage Foundation points out that school choice empowers parents to direct their child's share of education funding, giving them options beyond a government-assigned school and curriculum. Choice is seen as somewhat of a revolution in the public school arena because it funds children instead of physical school buildings and administrations and allows dollars to follow children to any school - or education option - that meets their unique learning needs.

Across the country, education choice options have been proliferating rapidly in the form of vouchers, tuition tax credits, special needs scholarships and education savings accounts. Choice pressures public schools with a much-needed competitive atmosphere. Choice helps kids: education choice represents the type

of innovation and freedom that will provide long-overdue reform to the K-12 system and holds the potential to truly raise the educational outcomes for every child across America. Choice is growing in strength: seventeen states and Washington, D.C. now have private school choice programs and more states are currently considering implementing choice options. Common Core, on the other hand, is an effort to centralize education by dictating the standards and assessments that determine the curriculum taught in every public school across the country. Common Core assumes that top-down uniform standards and assessments - driven by federal bureaucrats and national organizations - are preferable to State and local reform efforts guided by input from parents, teachers and taxpayers. Common Core documents provide no evidence that the program will improve academic outcomes or boost international competitiveness. However, the Obama Administration has pushed states to adopt the national standards and assessments in exchange for offers of billions of dollars in federal funding.

American education is at a crossroads, where one path leads toward further centralization and greater federal control and the other path leads toward robust education choice, including school choice and choice in curricula. State and local leaders who believe in limited government should resist national standards and tests as a challenge to educational freedom in America and this latest federal overreach.

To date, only Texas and Alaska are not members of Common Core; Virginia and Nebraska are initiative members but will not adopt the standards; Minnesota adopted the English standards only; Indiana has put a legal pause on the law until further review has been conducted. All other states have formally adopted the Common Core standards. For the standards in those states to be repealed, a law would have to be passed in each of those state legislatures.

Students Are Subsidizing Obamacare

As Dick Morris [reported](#) in The Hill last week, the Congressional Budget Office reports that \$8.7 billion of the money collected in student loan interest payments actually goes to pay for ObamaCare. The CBO estimates that the interest rate on these loans could be reduced from 6.8 percent to only 5.30 percent were the monies not being used to subsidize the healthcare law and other federal programs.

There are 16 million American students who now have student loans; they are paying for ObamaCare out of their meager incomes just at the point when they graduate from college and need funds to start their lives, buy their first homes, and start a family. In addition, the very law they are funding will impose fines on them if they do not purchase health insurance. The federal government borrows funds for the student loan program at 2.8 percent and then lends it to the students 6.8 percent, a markup of four percent. Undoubtedly, few students are aware of this financial exploitation.



Question – What is the difference between a liberal and a puppy?

Answer -A puppy stops whining after it grows up.

Question – What is the only thing worse than an incompetent liberal President?

Answer -A competent liberal President.

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This quarter, we are collecting items for an organization called Give2theTroops. Give2TheTroops® is a non-profit organization that sends care packages and letters to our deployed and wounded military troops in combat zones. They support all



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I recently read an article on the decline of civility in restaurants: hats, sloppy dress, slovenly manners, cell phones, Ipads you get the idea. The author believed manners had gone underground, like a gene that has skipped a generation. Is this what has happened to citizenship, knowledge of our history and love of country?

branches of the service. Founded in December of 2002, by a U.S. Marine wife, the organization has grown to many branches in several states. Since 2002, G2TT has sent more than 177,000 large boxes (averaging 65 lbs. each) to approximately one million American military troops deployed in combat and Disaster-Relief zones.

Currently, G2TT is collecting items for a campaign called "Beat the Heat". Give2TheTroops® is requesting the following items for our "Beat the Heat" Care Packages:

- **Plastic (Reusable) Water Bottles**
- **Drink Mixes in their original packaging.** (The singles type are best for the troops as they can add it to their water bottles)
They recommend Gatorade powder, Crystal Light and ones made with Splenda® - not made with sugar.)
- **Sunblock, Sun lotion and Aloe Vera gels and Burn creams**
- **Chapstick & Lip Balm**
- **Bug wipes and spray in plastic spray bottles (NOT in cans) and Fly Paper**

All donations must be collected by our WPRW Club by August 1st so that we can get them in to the G2TT Organization before their September 1st deadline for this Campaign.

I am proud to support the men and women and their families who support us and our great country so valiantly. Please join this campaign and bring your donated items to the next WPRW meeting. Direct any questions to Nicole Tonini (nicoletonini@gmail.com).

Where did you learn patriotism? What is your first memory of being proud of your country? Were you taught at home, at school or both? Is anyone old enough to remember singing patriotic songs in school or church? Fortunately, my church still sings one weekly in our musical service. How are children or grandchildren learning them today?

It's important to think about how we educate the next generation to assume the leadership mantle of our country. We've missed a generation or two, quietly expecting the schools to teach history and government, not realizing that the curricula slid into social justice and revisionism. As an example, after nearly two decades of bashing Thomas Jefferson the progressives have now turned their focus to George Washington. Here's a test: ask anyone under twenty-five to tell you two facts about Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. Odds are that the responses will overwhelmingly include "slave owners" and something about Jefferson's purported relationship with Sally Hemmings. Has the history of our country really come down to this? A recent series on the History Channel covering the Revolutionary War alternately highlighted George Washington as a war hawk and a man overly concerned with his appearance. The anachronistic insertion of today's shallow values onto George Washington cannot go unchallenged and should not be the lasting impression for children.

Thank YOU!



Happy Birthday!

Stacy Adams 4/4

Melody Briggs 4/14

Sherry Peterson 4/23

Rozalynn Clyde Hughes 5/7

Kay Kelly 5/21

Buck Stevens 6/2

Joy Pruitt 6/19

Larry Stanley 6/22

Roxanne Yannul 7/5

Yvonne Dewey 7/18

Cheryl Hutson 7/27

How have you educated your children/grandchildren about our country? Are you expecting someone else to do it? Drag them to Austin and go through the capitol or visit the Alamo. You don't even have to leave Houston: go see the Battleship or NASA! Buy a Constitution game and enjoy a game night with the family! (Where was that game when I was slogging through US History and Government?) History can be well told stories brought to life by visits to exciting places where history is actually made.

Why is this important to Republican Women? Facts are the straight stick by which crooked ones are measured. If you don't know the facts of the history of our country, how can you hope to explain why one party better represents the country's values than another? Part of our charter as a club is to educate. Education begins at home. Educate someone about some facet of the history of our country.

Linda Culbreth
President, WPRW





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