



# Village Republican Women



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Newsletter

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## PROGRAM

### Houston Racquet Club

10709 Memorial Drive

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

9:30 Check-in and Coffee

10:00 Meeting

◆ Lunch is \$20.00 (Cash required) ◆

◆ RSVP required by noon, Friday, Jan. 21 ◆

*If you book you must pay as the Club has to pay*

[Click Here to RSVP on the website](#)

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**Steve Munisteri, Republican Party of Texas Chair**



To start the New Year, we welcome Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri. Chairman Munisteri is a retired attorney from Houston. He was initiated into politics by working on Republican Hank Grover's campaign for Texas governor in 1972. He is a veteran of over 50 political campaigns and founded Young Conservatives of Texas. He is a graduate of Memorial High School, the University of Texas at Austin and UT Law School. We look forward to hearing from Chairman Munisteri as he provides his thoughts on the November 2010 election results, the effects it will have on the upcoming Legislative session, and the future of the Republican party in Texas.

## *President's Message.....*

2010: What a year! TFRW President Rebecca Bradford sends her greetings to the nearly 11,000 members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women who helped make the November election a huge success. Our Texas Governor Rick Perry is dedicated to preserving the Tenth Amendment rights of our state as the federal government blatantly ignores this inconvenient segment of our U.S. Constitution. By restoring full control of the Texas House of Representatives to conservative leaders we can work to keep Texas free of unfunded mandates and unreasonable regulations imposed from Washington.

Village RW will be actively involved in the process during the current legislative session. Knowledgeable speakers and updates on proposed legislation will keep us apprised of the happenings in Austin. Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for 2011. Our responsible treasurer will make certain the money is spent wisely to further the work of the Club. We will be providing opportunities for you to make your voices heard in Austin as we watch bills that are important to us.

I look forward to serving another year as your president and I give my heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated Board members who assist me in running our vibrant organization. Stay informed and involved and we will maintain Texas as a bastion of conservative principles.

*Best regards, Beverly Roberts*

### **Important Dates**

January 26	Deadline to register for Legislative Day
January 26	Village RW General Meeting
February 15	Greater Houston Council "Nuts N Bolts" Training
March 3	Legislative Day, Austin

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## Community Outreach – Patricia Fortune



The February Project for Village Republican Women will be *Dress For Success, Send One, Suit One*. Getting a job in this challenging economy can be a daunting task. The Dress For Success program helps their clients with everything from job skills to resume writing to guidance on how to dress for an interview.

It is our pleasure to help this worthy effort by contributing suits or dresses that would be appropriate to wear to a job interview. Angelina Spriggs, our contact at Dress For Success, has asked us to concentrate on donating **accessories**. When giving garments, the larger sizes are requested. Please go through your purses, scarves, jewelry, shoes, slacks, jackets and blouses and look for items to donate. Please make sure the articles are **lightly used or new**. Looking like a professional could make the difference between success or failure in getting a job.

Please bring your contributions to the February meeting. There are a lot of single mothers who can provide a better life for themselves and their children if they have a good job.

**Congratulations, Village Republican Women; we contributed 131 pounds of food and \$355.00 to the Houston Food Bank in November.** We helped a lot of hungry people have a much better holiday season.



The 82nd Legislature opened for business on January 11. There will be lots of action in the areas of education, budgets, voting and immigration enforcement. No bills were filed this session on the topics of tortilla chips and salsa, sewage sludge, sopapaillas, terrorism (threatened or otherwise), laser hair removal or the Willie Nelson Turnpike (where presumably the first drive through would be free), all of which have been addressed in previous sessions!

There were a multitude of picture ID statutes. All of them require a government-issued picture ID of some kind in order to vote. HB 16 (Riddle) only allows a provisional ballot to voters who fail to produce appropriate picture ID. Several bills (HB 186, 401, and SB 178) dispense with the utility bill or official government mail sent to the prospective voter's address as providing identification in order to be eligible to vote.

SB 178 makes illegal voting a third degree felony and attempted illegal voting a state jail felony.

HB 304 (Pena) requires that a person who assists a voter must provide picture ID, must be registered to vote in the county where the election is held and may not assist more than two voters per day. The assistant's information is to be entered on the rolls next to the name of the voter assisted.

The issue of fake ID also gets a lot of attention. HB 177 (Jackson, J) requires proof of employment eligibility in the US before an occupational or professional license may be issued or renewed; requires proof of citizenship or legal immigration status as a condition of issuance or renewal of a driver's license and requires notation on the face of the license whether the holder is a citizen.

HB 428 (Fletcher) prohibits foreign consuls from accessing campuses of public schools and universities to accept applications for, or distribute, foreign ID cards.

As expected, Senator Ellis filed his "show up at the polls for same-day registration and voting" bills. SB 211 and 213 pretty well keep the current system of "bring your utility bill to the polls with you" nonsense in place, and probably would result in a lot of voter fraud. In an attempt to one-up Sen. Ellis, HB 416 (Anchia) makes all early voting personnel into voter registrars, requires acceptance of provisional ballots if the voter is determined eligible to register to vote, allows same-day registration if the "voter" presents a picture ID, and allows the Secretary of State to allow "additional" acceptable ID by rule-making.

Any time "acceptable" ID definition is delegated to a state agency, the possibility for noxious mischief increases exponentially. And the next time someone tells you that there is no voter fraud because there are few prosecutions for it, direct them to this story:

<http://www.texaswatchdog.org/2010/12/texas-watchdog-voter-fraud-in-south-texas/1292876095.story>