



# Village Republican Women

February 2011

Newsletter



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## PROGRAM

### Houston Racquet Club

10709 Memorial Drive

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

9:30 Check-in and Coffee

10:00 Meeting

- ◆ Lunch is \$20.00 (Cash required) ◆
- ◆ RSVP required by Noon Friday, Feb. 18 ◆
- No-shows will be billed*

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

Nolia Rohde: [hospitality@villagerepublicanwomen.org](mailto:hospitality@villagerepublicanwomen.org)  
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### Nina Hendee

Nina and her husband, Edd, own and operate the Taste of Texas Restaurant which they opened in 1977. Nina is a native Texan with a passion for the history of our great state. She is a member of the Texas Historical Foundation and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speakers Committee. Nina started her speaking career sharing her love of Texas and its rich history with area school children. Additionally, she gives adult history tours of the Taste of Texas. With a passion for Texas history, Nina is entertaining as well as informative. Both Nina and Edd have been supporters of Republican candidates and the Texas Republican Party.

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

How thrilling to be in Austin this week with hundreds of Republican Women from all over Texas! Village RW was well represented at Legislative Day and at the two events the night before at the Driskill Hotel. Thanks to those of our members who helped with these undertakings: Carolyn Hodges, Marilyn Davis, Jan Ott and Barbara Larson.

To keep Village RW strong and provide the opportunity to support candidates of our choice, I encourage each of you to be part of our fabulous fundraiser, "Cheers to 50 Years", which is planned for Monday, April 11 at the Junior League. We will be educated and entertained by the inimitable Joanne King Herring, who is still actively involved in efforts to build a better society for the Afghans, even as our nation seeks to break the hold of terrorists on that nation.

I hope all of you will bring guests to our annual Membership meeting at the Houston Racquet Club on Wednesday, March 23, at 9:30 a.m. Most of our new members are people whom our own members invite to participate. To continue to keep Texas in the hands of Republicans we must have a strong party organization which begins at the local level with each of YOU.

Our state organization, TFRW, has nearly 11,000 members with 25% of those people right here in the greater Houston area. We are a powerhouse in the state and the nation! What an honor to have such an impact for the Party of smaller government, states' rights and personal responsibility.

*Best regards, Beverly Roberts*

### **Important dates:**

March 15	GHC Meeting, SOSA Community Center
March 23	VRW General Meeting, Houston Racquet Club
April 11	VRW Fundraiser, Junior League Ballroom
April 27	VRW General Meeting, Houston Racquet Club

**For more information about our Club, please call 832-443-8109 or visit  
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## Community Service—Patricia Fortune



Angelina Spriggs, Store and Inventory Manager on left and Patricia Fortune, Community Outreach Chairman

Dress For Success Community Outreach Project was held on our regular meeting day in February. I want to thank the members that participated in this project. After the meeting we took the donated clothes, scarves, shoes and jewelry to the Dress For Success warehouse.

We were surprised at the size and layout of the warehouse. The suits are all hanging by size and color. The purses, jewelry and shoes are on display by color, size and style.

Dress For Success is run by volunteers who do a remarkable job. They teach classes on resume writing and how to look and behave appropriately during an interview. I was very impressed by the professionalism of the staff. The staff also encourages the clients to come back for more education on job retention and career development. After being hired they are eligible to return for classes on how to budget and will then receive more clothes for a work wardrobe.

When you do *Spring Cleaning* please remember the Dress For Success ladies who desperately need your clothes. Their warehouse is located at 3915 Dacoma, Suite A. 713.957.3779



## Legislative Report—Kathleen Slaydon



Happy Bill Filing Week!

House and Senate Rules allow unrestricted filing of bills during the first calendar days of each regular session. After that first 60 days (Friday March 11 for this session), any bill that is not a local bill or a bill related to a matter the Governor has declared an emergency may not be introduced unless at least 4/5 of the membership of each house of the Legislature (present and voting in the house for a house bill; total membership of the senate for a senate bill.). Of the 3622 bills filed for consideration by the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature, roughly 20 % (720) were filed between Monday, February 28 and Friday, March 4th. Wise old hands around the Capitol expect at least

another 720 to be filed during the week ending March 11.

On March 1, the House Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud took testimony on SB 14 (the voter ID bill passed by the Senate) from 8 AM to nearly 6 PM and... left the bill pending without acting on it. There are an additional 14 House-generated bills on the same issue (voter identification and registration) pending before the Select Committee. AND there is nothing in the minutes of the March 1 meeting to indicate when the Select Committee will meet again.

HB 1596 was filed March 3, and would **not** allow people to use "official mail of the US addressed to the person" or "a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter" to prove identity. This bill was promptly referred to the Select Committee.

So one bill has been looked at, 14 to go.

*VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON*

*Please join us  
for lunch and a  
dynamic presentation by  
NINA HENDIE  
Co-owner Taste of Texas*

*Wednesday March 23, 2011  
9:30 a.m.  
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*RSVP  
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