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Houston Racquet Club

10709 Memorial Drive

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

9:30 Check-in & Coffee

10:00 Meeting

RSVP by **Noon Friday, May 21**

Only if staying for lunch

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

Nolia Rohde: hospitality@villagerepublicanwomen.org

Or call 281-496-1195

◆ Lunch is \$20.00 ◆ RSVP required for lunch ◆



Tom Pauken



Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission

Tom Pauken, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission, will speak at our May 26 meeting on "Bringing America Home - How to Rebuild a Conservative Majority." Mr. Pauken is dedicated to the principles of our party, our state and our nation. He served in Viet Nam, in the Reagan White House counsel's office, and as President Reagan's Director of ACTION (now AmeriCorps) where he founded the Vietnam Veterans' Leadership Program. He chaired the 2007 Governor's Task Force on Appraisal Reform and has been active in our state party for many years.

The author of two books, Mr. Pauken is the founder and president of Dallas-based TWP Inc. He and his wife, the former Ida Ayala, have seven children and 11 grandchildren.

President's Message.....

Everyone at the April meeting was delighted to be at the new venue where we have been warmly received by the management and staff. I hope to see a large group at the May meeting as well since it is our last opportunity to be together as a Club until September. During the summer I welcome input on any issue relating to Village business; please see the "contact us" page on the website.

The near meltdown of our financial system, the continued concern over the oil leaking into the Gulf of Mexico and its possible effect on tourism in Galveston and the ongoing war at our border with Mexico keep all of us on edge. I was blessed to be at the National Day of Prayer gathering at City Hall Thursday where optimism ran strong. We were founded as a nation under God and if we continue to seek divine guidance our country will prosper.

Our Republican ideals are closely aligned with those of our founders so stay true to them, work hard to keep the party strong and stay involved in the process of running our government. There are a number of candidates that need your help. Watch for alerts through our email system and visit the website regularly to see where you can do the most good. This is surely not the time to kick back and disengage from the political arena. Village Republican Women needs you, the Republican Party needs you and the country needs you. Get educated on the issues and candidates and get involved!

Beverly Roberts



Important Dates

May 26	9:30 a.m.	VRW General Meeting	New venue!
June 11	9:00 a.m.	Tribute to Women Brunch,	Dallas
June 11-12	Various	Republican Party of Texas	Convention

For more information about our Club, please call 832-443-8109 or visit www.villagerepublicanwomen.org

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Called Board Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Home of Beverly Roberts
818 Silvergate Drive, Houston
832-443-8109

★ **Membership Report—Laura Miller** ★

Our condolences go to the family of Helen Theriault, who died peacefully Sunday, May 2. A donation will be made in her memory to the TFRW Scholarship Fund. According to former VRW President Nancy Lucke, "Helen was a great patriot and a lovely lady!"

Please welcome Jane Bock and Margaret Albright as our newest members. We handed out 2010 directories at the meeting and will have them available at the May meeting as well.

Thank you to all who participated in our online membership survey. I am compiling a summary report on the survey, with input from the VRW board, which will be available to the membership ahead of the May general meeting.

★ **Legislative Report—Kathleen Slaydon** ★

What the Arizona Immigration Law Really Says

- ❖ There must be a "lawful stop, detention or arrest" by law enforcement for probable cause related to issues OTHER than immigration status.
- ❖ If there is reasonable suspicion to believe the person who has been stopped or detained is an illegal alien, then law enforcement may request proof of immigration status.
- ❖ If the person is applying for government benefits which are based on address, etc., then the person must provide proof of status.
- ❖ If a person is arrested, he must provide proof of immigration status before he may be released.
- ❖ Proof of immigration status consists of:
 - a valid Arizona driver's license
 - a state-issued non-operator's identification card
 - tribal identification
 - If the entity requires proof of legal presence in the United States before issuance, **any valid United States federal, state or local government issued identification.**
- ❖ The new Arizona law also bans "sanctuary cities".

A series of blogs setting out the full text of the law starts at

<http://www.keytlaw.com/blog/2010/04/anti-illegal-immigration-law-part-1/>

Texas Representative Debbie Riddle plans to introduce similar legislation to the AZ SB 1070 when the Texas Legislature reconvenes in Jan 2011. Since the US government won't enforce the last comprehensive immigration reform bill (Simpson-Mazzoli from 1986, which had amnesty + enforcement provisions) or secure the Texas border, Texas will have to do what it can. Please call our state officials requesting action. See the contact list on the Village RW website or go to <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/welcome.php> to find your own state representative.