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November 2009

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2401 Fondren

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

9:30 Check-in & Coffee

10:00 Meeting

RSVP by November 16, 2009

Iris Horton: iris@irishorton.com

713-812-9393

Lunch is \$15.00 ♦RSVP required♦



We are pleased to have Dr. Richard Murray as our speaker this month. After serving as the Director of the University of Houston Center for Public Policy, Dr. Murray is now concentrating on the Center's polling operations as Director of the Survey Research Institute. His primary focus has been and continues to be on Houston and Texas politics. Dr. Murray has previously consulted on more than 200 political campaigns.



Carol Prince reads a thank you note from a student at Piney Point Elementary where she, Wallie Womack and Beverly Roberts delivered dictionaries to third graders on behalf of VRW.

President's Message.....

For me, Thanksgiving is a wonderful reminder of so many important lessons about this country. First, I'm reminded of our humble roots as a nation where Pilgrims came to escape religious persecution and find the freedom to worship as they saw fit. Abundant blessings also come to mind as the Pilgrims triumphed over very hard conditions to reap their first harvest. I think of diversity since Native American Indians joined with the Pilgrims at that celebratory meal. Sharing what one has with others is also another great lesson of the first Thanksgiving. Overcoming long odds and a hard winter must have made this particular feast all the more satisfying.

But mostly in thinking about Thanksgiving, I am reminded of gratitude. As my term serving as your President comes to an end, I want to acknowledge all of the help and guidance I've been given over the past year. Your incoming President, Beverly Roberts, has been a calm and steadying influence, even as she has worn a multitude of hats for VRW! The entire Board of Directors has been unfailing in its devotion to our club and its mission. And lastly, the various Committee Chairmen have done the real work, much of it behind the scenes, to keep Village Republican Women a vibrant and vital organization. To each and every one of you, I say, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

So it is my wish that during this Thanksgiving season, you will stop for a moment and be grateful for all the blessings in your life – abundance, freedom, friendship, guidance, health, purpose... I would also ask you to join me in renewing our determination to return this country to its roots. An America that is unashamed of its religious foundation, that is free of intrusive government intervention, that appreciates and honors its shared diversity, that is humbled by its abundance, that is willing to serve its most vulnerable citizens, a country that rewards hard work and recognizes the sacrifices of its men and women in the armed forces.

Gratitude is oftentimes hard to come by, especially if you are struggling. However, during this season of Thanksgiving, I challenge you to find the real meaning in the observance of this holiday. Gratitude is an attitude and one that should not be hard for most Americans to come by!!

Carol

Important Dates

November 13-15		TFRW 27 th Biennial Convention-Galveston
November 18	10:00 A.M.	VRW General Meeting
December 6	6:00 P.M.	VRW Christmas Party

Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 A.M.
Lakeside Country Club
100 Wilcrest Drive, Houston TX 77042

For more information about our club, please call 713-952-6499 or visit
www.villagerepublicanwomen.org

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December 12, 2009 – Joint Runoff Election Date

November 2009

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Wednesday November 4, 2009
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday November 12, 2009
First Day of Early Voting	Monday November 30, 2009

December 2009

Last Day to Apply for Ballot for by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday December 4, 2009
Last Day of Early Voting	Tuesday December 8, 2009
Election Day	Saturday December 12, 2009

City of Houston Run-offs, Saturday December 12, 2009

Mayor: Gene Locke v. Annise Parker
Controller: Ronald Green v. M.J.Khan

City Council- AT LARGE

Position 1: Stephen Costello v. Karen Derr
Position 2: Andrew C. Burks, Jr. v. Sue Lovell
Position 5: Jack Christie v. Jolanda Jones

City Council, District A: Lane Lewis v. Brenda Stardig
City Council, District F: Al Hoang v. Mike Laster



Please come to the

Village Republican Women's

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6th
6:00 PM

At the Home of Mary Jo Carter
11539 Green Oaks
Houston, TX 77024

There is no charge for this year's party but we are asking each member to bring an appetizer that will serve 20 people. If this is not possible, we are asking for a donation for the beverages.

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