



Village Republican Women

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Newsletter



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PROGRAM

A NEW BEGINNING!

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Lakeside Country Club

100 Wilcrest Drive

Houston, TX 77042

NEW FORMAT

11:00 - 11:25 - Sign in and pay for lunch

11:25 - Pledges/prayer/introduce guests

11:30 Lunch (optional) and business meeting

12:00 - 12:30 Speaker

Menu choices:

#1) Shallot roasted chicken breast with peppercorn sauce

#2) Grilled beef tips with wild mushroom sauce

**RSVP by Tuesday September 20 with your menu selection
(only if you are eating lunch).**

We will not be able to add lunches on the meeting day

(\$20 cash/no-shows will be billed)

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

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In an effort to tighten our schedule so young mothers and employed people can participate in our Club the Board has implemented this new schedule. We anticipate a positive response. We regret that meeting at Houston Racquet Club is no longer possible and know you will enjoy the beautiful Lakeside Country Club.



Speaker: County Commissioner Steve Radack

After 11 years with the Houston Police Department, a successful stint in the private sector and a four-year term as Harris County Precinct Five Constable, Steve Radack was first elected Commissioner of Precinct Three in 1988. During his long career in public service, Steve has pushed for greater efficiency at all levels of local government by supporting programs aimed at promoting the intelligent use of taxpayer dollars. He has emphasized privatization throughout county government and been an outspoken advocate of making sure law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to keep children and neighborhoods safe.

In addition to his role as a county policymaker, which has given him a voice in regional health, transportation and technology issues, Steve has also focused on enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Precinct Three.

Steve and his wife, Sherry, who serves as Chief Justice of the Texas First Court of Appeals, have four sons. They attend St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

President's Message.....

We have survived the heat of the torrid Houston summer and we will survive and thrive as the 2012 campaign season gets hot. We need every one of you involved in the process of electing Republicans, from the Court House to the White House.

First, we hope to see you at our beautiful new venue, Lakeside Country Club, on Wednesday, September 28, at our NEW TIME, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are a busy group of gals so we want to get you in and out more quickly. Commissioner Steve Radack will apprise us of local happenings.

As we ponder the events ten years ago that changed the course of our great nation I pray each of you will remain vigilant as the need for security erodes our freedom. Listen carefully to the candidates and make wise choices so that our nation will continue to be a "shining city on a hill".

Best regards, Beverly Roberts

Board Meeting
Monday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.
Home of Beverly Roberts
818 Silvergate Drive, Houston
832-443-8109

Dates to remember:

Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m., Greater Houston Council, Sosa Community Center

Sept. 28, 11:00 a.m., VRW General Meeting, Lakeside CC

Sept. 29, NFRW Convention, Kansas City MO

Oct. 11, last day to register to vote in Nov. 8 election

Oct. 11, 6:00 p.m., Candidates' Forum, Sosa Community Center

Oct. 26, 11:00 a.m. VRW General Meeting, Lakeside CC

Nov. 8, Election Day

 **Legislative Report—Kathleen Slaydon** 

WRAPPING UP THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Protecting the Vote

Efforts to prevent voter fraud got a boost in the 82nd legislature when Senate Bill 14 was signed by Governor Perry. SB 14 requires voters to present photo identification at the time they vote, and makes many kinds of voter fraud into felonies. SB 14 will apply to all elections held after January 2, 2012. TFRW and our club were heavily involved in getting SB 14 enacted.

Our military will now be able to receive ballots electronically in time to vote, thanks to SB 100. This law should curtail hyper-partisans' efforts to keep our servicemen and women from voting in state elections. It went into effect September 1.

Unfortunately, meaningful reform of the mail-in ballot system awaits a future session.

Loser Pays

As of September 1, Texas has a statute that allows dismissal of lawsuits that "have no basis in law or fact." The statute requires the Texas Supreme Court to implement the statute by making rules for such dismissals. Whichever side moves to dismiss and loses is awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Loser Pays DOES NOT apply to Family Law cases or cases involving the government.

Stranger than Fiction

The Governor signed HB 3808, which allows fishing with archery equipment; he also signed HB 2189, which legalizes and regulates hillbilly hand fishing (which was an offense before HB 2189).

The 2011 Legislature made a significant dent in the voter fraud, frivolous lawsuits, and advanced some novel ways of fishing. We eagerly await what 2013 brings us, particularly in the hunting and fishing arenas.

 **Texas History—Kathaleen Wall** 

In April we heard from a great Texan, Nina Hendee, whose family has had a huge impact on our state. I asked our members, who have a rich heritage, to send a short story about their own forbears and their contributions to our great state.

Kathaleen Wall, one of our new members is from a long line of Texans. Here is her story:

Benjamin Franklin and Rachel (Lindley) Kelton were my great, great, great maternal Grandparents and here is some of their Early Texas History as written in The Descendants of Robert and Catherine Kelton Family.

Benjamin's brother, Oliver P. (OP) Kelton immigrated to Texas in the fall of 1835. He served in the Republic of Texas Navy on the schooner *Invincible* as a surgeon and saw action against the Mexican Navy. Because O.P. had arrived before the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed on March 2, 1836, he was entitled to a First Class Head-right Grant for land. Being single, he received a certificate for one-third league (about 1,475 acres) of land issued on February 3, 1838. The land he chose was intersected by Buffalo Bayou and lay north of a large, two-league claim of John Austin. The location of this land today is north of downtown Houston. After the war, O.P. was appointed by President Mirabeau Lamar as Notary Public for the Customs House in Galveston in January 1839 and

as Coroner in July 1839. In 1846, O.P. wrote a pamphlet supporting his unsuccessful campaign for Congress from the new State of Texas. Unfortunately, O.P.'s land and possessions were sold to pay his Lunatic Asylum bills at Blackwell's Island in New York City.

Benjamin's father, Robert Kelton held a certificate from the Republic of Texas dated September 16, 1839, for conditional head-right of 640 acres of land in Montgomery County under the provisions of an act, past January 4, 1839, extending donations of land to late immigrants.

Rachel's father, Samuel Washington Lindley brought his family (including young Rachel) to Texas from Illinois in the spring of 1833 to secure a Mexican Grant of Land in the Greene DeWitt Colony in Mexican State of Coahuila y Tejas. Rachel later married Robert and Catherine Kelton's son, Benjamin Franklin Kelton.

Rachel's brother Jonathan, at age 22 and unmarried, joined the army of Texas and fought with Ben Milam at San Antonio in December 1835. He then returned to his home and in late February joined the party of 32 men under Captain Albert Martin who left Gonzales and went into the Alamo on the night of March 2, 1836. Jonathan Lindley was killed in the Alamo March 6, 1836.

Rachel's brother-in-law, John Sadler (married to Rachel's sister Barsheba), was a soldier in the Army of Texas and a member of Captain William Ware's Company that fought at the Battle of San Jacinto under General Sam Houston, for the ultimate Texas Independence.



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