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## Looking Forward to March Primary

By Chris Davis, GCRW VP Programs

On November 3, GCRW welcomes the Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri as our guest speaker. Munisteri was elected RPT Chairman at the State Convention in Dallas in June, 2010.



Munisteri has a long history of involvement in the conservative movement. In 1976, he was selected as state Vice Chairman for Texas Young Americans for Freedom and served as their state Chairman from 1977 to 1980. He was also elected to YAF's national board of directors. Munisteri began the practice of issuing legislative rankings for members of the Texas House of Representatives and State Senate. In 1980, Munisteri founded the Young Conservatives of Texas, a group which continues to produce future generations of conservative leaders and elected officials on college campuses across the state.

Munisteri attended Memorial High School in Houston, before graduating from the University of Texas in Austin with a BBA in Finance with honors. He also earned a J.D. from the University of Texas Law School. Upon graduation from law school, he was hired as an associate with the law firm of Funderburk & Funderburk. Munisteri founded his own law firm in 1982, and built it up to 49 employees, 20 attorneys and a multi-million dollar budget. In 2008, he retired in part, so that he would be available to volunteer in political activities.

Following his election to the State Chairmanship at the 2010 Texas GOP Convention in Dallas, Mr. Munisteri obtained a second residence in Travis County and currently serves full-time as the State Party Chairman at the RPT headquarters in Austin.

## President's Pen

Congratulations to all of our hard-working members for achieving the NFRW Diamond Award - the highest club achievement award given at the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Kansas City last month! In addition, our very own Sharron Albertson was recognized for having the most volunteer campaign hours in the entire state of Texas (4,483



for a 2-yr. period)! On the Pro-Life front, Sharron also did an excellent job as the Texas Coordinator for the Life Chain and Elizabeth Muzyka, organized a 12-hour vigil in conjunction with the 40-days for Life campaign. We have already heard several accounts of the lives that will forever be changed due to these efforts!

I would like to thank our Nominating Committee of Tracy Hancock (Collin County), Joline Tate (Dallas County) and Suzanne Blackstone (Denton County) for their dedicated work in selecting next year's slate of officers and committee chairs. Thank you for your efforts to keep us a strong and effective club!

Campaign season is already upon us and I pray that we will find a renewed hope and strength as we consider the direction of our country. We must all get involved and recruit many others, too, in order to take back the White House and Senate. At the same time, we must get involved here locally as well.

Finally, at this time of Thanksgiving, may we all remember to thank the One who led our forefathers to this blessed land so many years ago. May we stop and be thankful for all the sacrifices that have been made so that we may live in a country where we can worship God openly... and may we never forget who we are and Whose we are. I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you Nov. 3 for our next General Meeting!

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### GCRW Meeting Info:

Thursday, November 3, 2011

6:45 p.m. Refreshments; 7:15 p.m. Meeting Begins

Fairview Farms Marketplace

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## GCRW Membership Update

By Kathy Letchworth Gonzales, VP Membership

What a great time to invite your friends to join GCRW! Their dues will carry them through the end of 2012. It is almost like getting two free months. Active and associate women's dues are \$25 and men are \$15. Your friends can join online, [www.gcrw.org](http://www.gcrw.org), or visit the membership table at our meeting. We currently have 222 active members and 218 associate for a total of 440 members. We are so very excited to have 7 new actives and 7 new associates join since our last meeting. Welcome all! Remember that bringing in 5 new members this year gives you a free membership next year. Make sure they fill in your name on the "invited by" line on the membership application.

Our club remains a wonderful resource to understand the politics of today and to inform citizens of the opportunities that exist to become involved in the fight for conservative values. If you are new, we encourage you to become involved. If you would like to help with one of our committees, PLEASE tell one of the board members. We are all about helping everyone get plugged in.

## Gearing Up for 2012 Elections

As the 2012 election draws closer, GCRW is beginning to assemble a volunteer roster in preparation for the massive task we have ahead of us in taking our country back. You may soon be receiving a phone call from one of our volunteer coordinators to see if you'd be interested in joining the team.

Work will take place from January 2012 through the General Election in November. There will be plenty of work throughout the year and we could certainly use all the help we can get! Training and helpful materials will be provided. We will let you know which candidates or groups need help, and you can decide where you want to volunteer.

If you are willing to participate in this effort, please contact Tracy Hancock at [genbuff1776@sbcglobal.net](mailto:genbuff1776@sbcglobal.net). Include your name, address, county, phone number and precinct (if known). We will work to get conservatives out to vote through tasks such as neighborhood walks, phone banks and stuffing envelopes. So, whatever talents and time you have to offer, we would love for you to join us as part of this grassroots movement to take our country back!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 24 - Nov 4 Early Voting
- Oct 29 Texans for Life's Annual Benefit Dinner
- Nov 5 Sec. of State County Chair Training, Austin, TX
- Nov 7 Sam Johnson Hosts Evening with Majority Leader Eric Cantor, TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, TX
- Nov 11 Daughters of World War II presents Second Annual Luncheon, Omni Dallas Hotel
- Nov 17 Evening with George W. Bush at Irving Convention Cntr, Las Colinas
- Nov 17 - Nov 20 TFRW Convention, Ft. Worth
- Nov 29 Capitol Commission Dinner, Stonebriar Country Club
- Dec 7 SAVE the DATE for GCRW Christmas Party

More details at [GCRW.org](http://GCRW.org)



Carol Sewell and Sheryl Mills at the GCRW table during the Oct 1 debate.

## Americanism

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# What GCRW Members Are Saying About 40 Days For Life

**Candy Noble:** Today I participated for the first time in joining others praying on the sidewalk outside of the late-term abortion clinic in Dallas. I could see many of the women entering the building. I spent my time praying that those who were inside would choose life and that in their time of desperation they would turn to God. It wasn't scary, it was powerful knowing that life and death decisions were being made just steps away.

**Barbara Jones:** It was chilly, windy and raining, but it really did not matter. I felt at peace with the Lord, blessed to stand in for Him and be used as his vessel to help change people's hearts. While holding a sign and singing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", I prayed for those passing by and the clinic staff. It was sweet being close by, where my recently deceased husband and I lived for 27 years. I was glad I was there, and I hope to do it again soon.

**Kathy Letchworth:** This was the first time I ever prayed outside a clinic. Unsure what to expect, I found it incredibly uplifting to be praying openly for hearts to change, both of women considering abortion and of clinic staffers. Whether silent or audible, five of us spread along the sidewalk to pray or sing praises to the Lord, holding professional pre-made signs. I was blessed by the experience and honored to be a small part of the efforts to end abortion.

**Michael Fechner:** Participating in this was incredibly rewarding. Hearing about the children that were saved that day, made it so worthwhile and special. I experienced the power of prayer and was reminded that this is something we should be praying for daily. 1 John 5:14.

Other members participating included Irene Wright, Elida Munoz, Denise Cooke, Judy Fillmore, Sharron Albertson, Barnett Walker, and Linda Simmons.



GCRW members attended eight Life Chains in the Dallas area on October 2, 2011, joining tens of thousands across the U.S. and Canada for this annual event to pray for an end to abortion. Pictured above are GCRW members with others after the Life Chain in Plano.



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# The President Authorizes DREAM Act; Ignores Constitution

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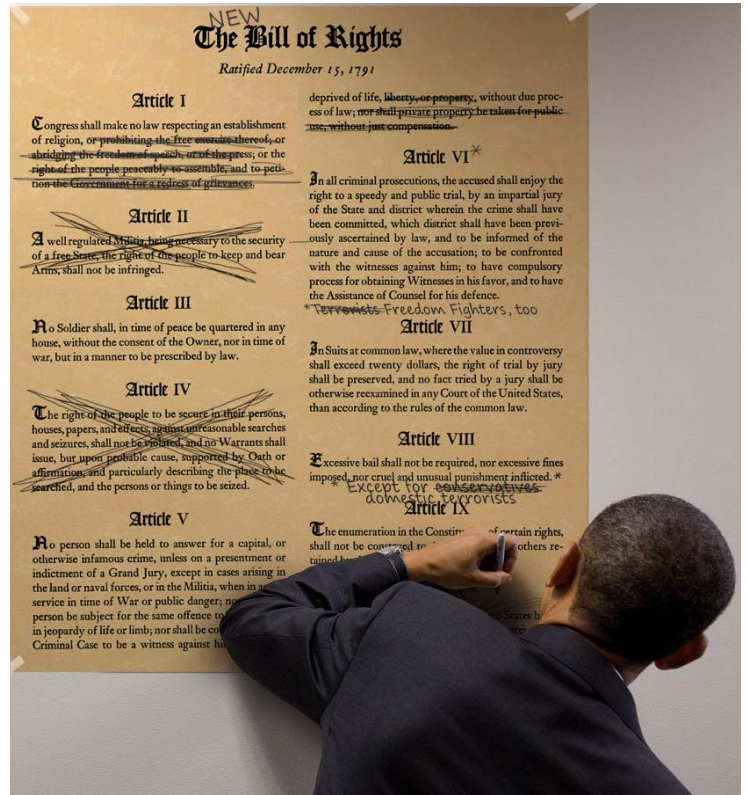


As our presidential hopefuls debate border security and immigration reform, many Americans may be unaware that President Obama has, in effect, authorized a version of the DREAM Act via an enforcement memo handed down by the director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On June 17, 2011, ICE Director John Morton penned an order that directs enforcement agents to exercise "prosecutorial discretion" for any illegal alien who was born in the U.S., who is a student, or who has served in the military. In all, the memo lists 19 bullet points to take into consideration before an illegal alien is prosecuted, as well as eight categories of illegals who should prompt particular "care and consideration." This directive, in effect, grants amnesty to illegal aliens. It was sent to "All Field Office Directors, All Special Agents in Charge, and All Chief Counsel," and it charges them to "exercise prosecutorial discretion consistent with the civil immigration enforcement priorities of the Agency."

Says columnist Charles Krauthammer, "The DREAM Act was rejected by Congress. It is now being enacted by the executive, despite the express will of the Congress. That is lawless. It may not be an explicit executive order; it's an implicit one."

The ICE memo cites a lack of resources, stating, "Because the agency is confronted with more violations than its resources can address, the agency must regularly exercise prosecutorial discretion."



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### Should We Amend the Texas Constitution?

Source: Grassroot Texans Net

Texans will go to the polls to vote on a series of ten proposed constitutional amendments that have been set before the people of Texas for consideration.

If you haven't yet decided how you plan to vote on these amendments, you are encouraged to review the voters' guides posted at <http://GrassrootsTexans.net/pages/voterguide>.

The key dates for this election are the following: Early voting October 24, through Friday, November 4, 2011. Then on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 is Election Day. However you decide to vote, please vote and please take your FRIENDS, FAMILY and CO-WORKERS with you. Every vote counts!

### Amendment Shuts Down "Fast & Furious"

Source: Lonestar Weekly

A bipartisan coalition of Senators voted against President Obama's ill-advised \$447 billion stimulus plan. On the heels of that bill's failure, Senator Reid decided to split the bill up into several smaller portions. Our Senators need take a close look at each bill that comes before the Senate. But no matter how it is sliced, higher taxes and more deficit spending are not the answers. The 2009 stimulus

failed to keep unemployment below 8 percent as advertised by the Administration and left the American people holding a tab of over \$1 trillion in borrowed spending.

It is believed the best thing the government can do for the economy right now is to get out of the way. Reining in burdensome regulations that perpetuate job-killing uncertainty in the markets is needed. Institute spending limits and passing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution that forces the government to live within its means and prevents it from crowding out the private sector. Senate Republicans have proposed a jobs plan that would do these things.

### Texas Hispanic Leadership Forum

Source: artexas.org

United States Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) will be in Dallas, Texas on November 4, 2011 as a special guest and featured speaker at the Texas Hispanic Leadership Forum. The event is hosted by the Associated Republicans of Texas (ART) as part of its Hispanic Voter Network, an ongoing effort to engage Hispanic voters in a long-term dialogue with the Republican Party.

This event will take place at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas in the Landmark A

Ballroom. This event is free to attend but requires a RSVP. You may find the RSVP form at <http://artexas.org/rubio>.

ART is a non-profit organization committed to maintaining the Republican majority in the Texas legislature and strengthening the future of the Republican Party in Texas. In 2011 and 2012, ART is building on the momentum and protecting the success they achieved in the 2010 elections. Our top objectives focus on allocating resources during the elections to the right candidates, in the right districts, at the right time and building a long-term, results driven commitment to the Hispanic community.


### Dallas GOP Offers Grassroots Training

Source: dallasgop.org

On November 6, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. Dallas GOP will be offering grassroots training at two locations. They will be offering this in Dallas, TX and also in Garland, TX. The programs will overs building the base, how to talk to your neighbors and friends.

This training is open to Dallas County Republicans who want to get involved and help turn out the GOP vote. Space is limited to the first 15 respondents at each location. For more information, please contact James Carter. RSVP via e-mail at [james@dallasgop.org](mailto:james@dallasgop.org) or phone 214-369-9555.

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# Growing Public Demand for Parental Rights Amendment ...Stopping UNCRC Treaty Ratification!

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At the recent 36th Biennial Convention of the NFRW in Kansas City, MO, a resolution was presented. If approved, federation members will be asked to contact their U.S. Congressional delegations to co-sponsor a resolution proposing a Parental Rights amendment to the United States Constitution. This is a response to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which was ratified by the UN General Assembly in 1989. If approved by the U.S., the CRC will automatically override almost all American laws on children and families because of the U.S. Constitution and Treaty Supremacy Clause in Article VI.

The treaty made headlines under the Clinton administration. Since Hillary Clinton became Sec. of State, there has been a renewed push for the US to ratify this international treaty. When it was said that a "village" should raise a child, most Americans understood that village was merely a metaphor for government. While the treaty may appear harmless to some, it will attack the very core of the child-parent relationships. If the U.S.

does ratify this treaty, Congress would have the power to legislate directly on all subjects necessary to comply with the treaty, thus shifting massive power from the states to the federal government. Once that occurs, parental decisions could be challenged by the child through governmental reviews, every parental decision could be overridden by the government, and more money would have to be spent on child welfare than on national defense.

The advancement of international law in American courts is of great concern to many Americans. Even though our Constitution clearly states that it is the supreme law of the land, proponents of one world government are using the international treaty provision to destroy our personal freedoms and sovereignty. On a national level, statist understand that whoever disciplines and educates the child also determines the child's beliefs and attitudes. If the liberal elitists of the world have their way, a heterogeneous couple will be merely baby makers of little "world citizens" for one world dictators to educate and control for the "good" of the global community.

Because it is expected that activist judges will continue to undermine parental rights, many Americans are calling for a Constitutional amendment to safeguard parental rights. A number of state legislatures have taken up resolutions opposing ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, or urging Congress to pass the Parental Rights Amendment to the States for ratification. A few have even done both.

In April, 2011 U.S. Senator Jim DeMint introduced the SR99 resolution opposing ratification of the CRC. SR99 sends a message that the Senate lacks the necessary votes to ratify the CRC. Ratification requires 67 Senate votes; rejection requires only 34--as long as 34 senators remain committed. In the meantime, it is feared that, with left wing judges, the courts will gradually implement the CRC as Customary International Law. As the outcry grows for a Parental Rights Constitutional Amendment and stopping ratification of the CRC, so does public disgust for the United Nations. In the end, it is time that we withdraw American membership and funding from this radical organization.

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# Tea Party Alliance Senatorial Debate

By Barbara Harrison, GCRW Newsletter Editor

On October 1, the Texas Tea Party Alliance Senate Candidate Forum was held at Collin College, Spring Creek Campus, co-sponsored by GCRW along with 13 other conservative groups. It was a well-attended event with all of the candidates present except Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. The candidates were asked many questions covering our role in the United Nations, their plans to balance the budget, how the Tenth Amendment is being ignored and which agencies they would eliminate.

It was a lively debate with each candidate being allowed to question other candidates' answers two times.

Notably, Glenn Addison made the promise to serve only one term and Lela Pittenger proved to be a young woman dedicated to fighting for her generation.

Many of these candidates spoke at our membership brunch on April 30 in Dallas and it was interesting to see how they have honed their messages. A straw poll was held immediately following the forum revealing Ted Cruz as the front runner and Lela Pittenger coming in second.

There are more debates still to come. There is much to learn about these candidates and their plans for moving Texas forward.

## Attendees at GCRW October Meeting



(L - R) Tracy Hancock, Sheryl Mills, Diana Price, Rebecca Kachuriak, and Amy Gerwing



(L - R) Mary McClure, Joanna McCord, Caroline Clark, and Becky Leach

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# 36th NFRW Biennial Convention

By Diann Jones, candidate for TFRW District Director

GCRW President Susan Fletcher and GCRW member Diann Jones represented our club at the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) convention September 29 through October 2, 2011 in Kansas City, MO. Susan attended the NFRW Campaign Management School on Thursday. Susan described it as "Campaigns on Steroids." Friday the Opening Gala theme was "Jazzin' It

Up in Kansas City" where RNC Chairman Reince Priebus was the keynote speaker.

First General Session was Saturday morning. After voting in the straw poll, Presidential candidates Cain, Santorum, and Gingrich spoke to the entire delegation. Gingrich brought along his 21st Century Contract with America, and he also promised NFRW a picnic on the White House lawn if he becomes President. Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO Dist. #4) and Governor of Arizona Jan Brewer also spoke during the first session. After the NFRW Awards Luncheon, attendees participated in breakout sessions that afternoon.

On Sunday morning, delegates voted for the new executive board officers. There was a Prayer Breakfast honoring those who had passed away during the last two years. The second General Session began with the straw poll results and the an-



Pictured above, GCRW member Diann Jones, Pat Peale, TFRW District Director—SD30 and Susan Fletcher, GCRW President.

nouncement that Herman Cain had overwhelmingly won. During this session, Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (MO Dist. # 8) spoke as well as the Governor of Puerto Rico Luis Fortuño. Also announced were the recently elected NFRW Officers to take us into 2012.

Please consider attending the 37th Biennial Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in September 2013. Congratulations to our own Texas gal Lisa Roper who won the race for NFRW Fourth VP .



GCRW's Diann Jones pictured with 58th Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

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# Liberty Institute Luncheon

On October 25, Liberty Institute held its annual benefit luncheon. They were able to raise vital funds that are needed in defending our constitutional rights.

GCRW members Susan Fletcher, Laura Hill, Chris Hill, Liberty Institute's President Kelly Shackelford, Sharron Albertson, Bri Andor, and Erin Leu are pictured.



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