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## Starting 2012 off with a Bang!

By Suzanne Blackstone, VP Programs

This is our year, 2012, to make positive changes to our state and our nation. Our theme will be to INVITE, INFORM, AND INVOLVE! So, we INVITE you to join us Thursday, January 5, as we start off the year with a BANG! Michael Quinn Sullivan, the president and CEO of Empower Texans and its premier project, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, is going to be our guest speaker. Michael is not a stranger to our club and we are always motivated and energized by his cutting edge information.



The *Fort Worth Star Telegram* said Sullivan "slays taxpayer dragons in Austin... When the heat is on in Austin, Michael Quinn Sullivan knows how to make it even hotter." *Texas Monthly* recently dubbed him "the enforcer," on their list of the 25 most influential Texans. Michael Sullivan is a former newspaper reporter, Capital Hill staffer, think tank Vice President and Eagle Scout. Sullivan is an avid runner who lives in Austin with his family.

Michael will be speaking on Texas state issues and why we need to support the candidates that most reflect our common sense conservative values. Critical issues facing our state include: education, state deficit spending, taxes, water demand, energy demand, and many others. Please **invite** your friends to come, hear, and be **informed** by a dynamic expert on our state issues so that we can **get involved** in electing strong leaders. For more information about Empower Texans: [www.empowertexans.com](http://www.empowertexans.com).

### GCRW Meeting Info:

Thursday, January 5, 2012

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

Fairview Farms Marketplace

3314 North Central Expy, Plano, TX

## President's Pen

As we say goodbye to 2011, I am encouraged by the accomplishments that we've seen along the way. At our 2011 Christmas Party, these award recipients were recognized:



Golden Hat Award – Collin County Judge

Keith Self – given because he "does not shy away from controversy or political challenge and is a steadfast, unapologetic social and economic conservative." Thank you, Keith, for your faithful leadership of Collin County government!

White Hat Award – State Rep. Bryan Hughes – given because he "displayed extraordinary courage and personal integrity; consistently fighting for honor and truth, despite the consequences." Thank you, Bryan, for standing firm and speaking out against corruption and intimidation of our elected officials. You are a hero to us all!

Kay Phillips Volunteer of the Year Award – Tracy Hancock. No one gave Tracy the memo that she was supposed to take it easy this year! From chairing our membership brunch to helping in many other areas way beyond her duties, Tracy consistently participated in organizing and serving on many projects throughout 2011. After receiving a multitude of nominations, I congratulate her in receiving this award!

Unsung Hero Award – Sharon Feagin. Sharon has served as the treasurer for GCRW for many years, making sure that reports are filed, fees are paid and expenses are reimbursed. She has done a stellar job without ever seeking any recognition for her service. It is my pleasure to honor her for her servant's heart and dedication to GCRW over the years!

Now it's time to focus on the 2012 primary races, set for April 3. Many long-time veterans are stepping down or running for different offices. We have a lot of new faces, as well, to get to know. Find a campaign (or two or three) and sign up to volunteer! There are many ways in which to do that either directly with the candidates, through one of the County GOP offices, or through the newly formed Conservative Election Alliance (CEA). If you need more information, please contact one of our VP-Campaigns (listed on page 9.)

May you all have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!  
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## Committee Reports

### Membership Report By Linda Block

If you have not yet paid for your 2012 membership, PLEASE go to [www.gcrw.org](http://www.gcrw.org) and click on the "Join Us" link. Active and Associate women's dues are \$25 and men are \$15. Your friends can join on our website, or visit the membership table at our meeting. Remember that bringing in five 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.

### The Key to our Conservative Success By Suzanne Blackstone

Our goal is to inform, influence, and get out the vote! Golden Corridor Republican Women are proud to present an effective neighborhood program: Your Precinct Power! This program will focus on the importance and function of precincts. It is designed for both newbies and those who have been around awhile. The programs feature veterans Randy Dunning and videographer, Jim McGuire. A new video will have its first-time showing with a discussion to follow. Mark your calendars for, Sunday, Jan. 22, 3:00 - 5:00p.m. Precinct Power will be held at Collin County Republican Party Headquarters, 8416 Stacy Road, Suite 100, McKinney, TX 75070.

For more information, contact Suzanne Blackstone, VP of programs at [VPprograms@gcrw.org](mailto:VPprograms@gcrw.org) or 972-306-5653. Share this program with your friends and neighbors. It's time to get moving!

### Republican National Coalition For Life Report By Elizabeth Muzyka

January will be busy with several events that will focus on the 39th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Please watch for announcements on our web site [www.gcrw.org](http://www.gcrw.org) for more information.

### Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner By Tracy Self

Operation "Clean Sweep" is the theme for the upcoming 44th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner to be held on February 4, 2012. There will be a VIP reception, silent and live auctions, and a savory dinner.

Star Parker will be our keynote speaker. Star is bringing new energy to policy discussions on government dependency from a conservative perspective, a key component of federal spending.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS


- Jan 5 General Meeting, Fairview Farms (page 1)
- Jan 7 Improve Communication Effectiveness, Frisco, TX, RSVP to [tcfabry@gmail.com](mailto:tcfabry@gmail.com). Space is limited
- Jan 14 GCRW Board Retreat, Home of Denise McNamara
- Jan 21 March for Life in Dallas (page 5)
- Jan 22 Your Precinct Power, (page 2)
- Feb 1 New residency deadline for candidates seeking election to the Texas House and Texas Senate. (There is no residency requirement for Congress.)
- Feb 1 6:00 p.m. New deadline of court-ordered reopened filing period, in which candidates for all offices have the opportunity to amend, withdraw or file a new application for the ballot.
- Feb 2 General Meeting, Fairview Farms
- Feb 3-4 Conservative Texans Political Action Conference, Austin, TX
- Feb 4 44th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner, Plano Center, 6:00 p.m. (page 2)
- Feb 16 Board Meeting
- Apr 12 2012 General Primary Election.
- Apr 14 or Apr 21 County and Senatorial District Conventions, as determined by the State Chair of each political party.

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

## Americanism

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual -- or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.

Samuel Adams, 1781



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# Calling All Patriots

By Tracy Hancock for the Conservative Election Alliance

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." Has this statement ever felt more true than right now?

You have already shown your commitment by being a part of Golden Corridor. The Conservative Election Alliance (CEA) is an organization which was formed of by several conservative organizations whose goal is to get out the vote in November 2012. The Democrats have been very successful in forming alliances with those who share their values to get out the vote, and we must do the same.

With this crucial election just around the corner, we are asking you to join our volunteer team. A widespread Conservative movement is under way with a mission to recruit volunteers and elect solid Conservative candidates to office from the local, county, state, and national levels.

We will be working with our volunteers to alert you to many training events and opportunities. We will provide you with resources to make the best use of whatever time you can commit. We will connect you with other Conservatives in your area as we work together to make a difference in this all important election. It doesn't matter if you are a seasoned "veteran" or if this is your first time to be involved with an election. There will be training and opportunities for you!

The CEA will not be formally endorsing candidates. However, at times, we may call attention to areas of concern or interest that relate to our shared conservative values. You may expect to receive periodic lists

of campaign activities and volunteer requests from candidates - and it will be up to you to determine whether or not you want to participate.

Your country needs YOU! Please consider joining with us. You can do this by providing your name, address, and a contact phone and/or e-mail. Be assured that your information WILL remain secure and will not be shared or distributed for any reason.

When you look back on this pivotal moment in history, will you be able to say you were part of the solution?

For more information contact Tracy Hancock at [volunteer@gcrw.org](mailto:volunteer@gcrw.org).

God bless Texas and God bless the USA.

## Golden Hat and Husband of the Year Awards

Each year GCRW selects elected officials who has demonstrated leadership and the ability to stand strong. Susan Fletcher, GCRW president had the honor of awarding the awards at our Christmas party.




Pictured on the left is Collin County Judge Keith Self, he was presented the Golden Hat award. Pictured on the right is Brian Fletcher, who was recognized Husband of the Year.




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# Congressional Gridlock Continues

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On Dec. 13, 2011, House Republicans passed a \$1 trillion omnibus spending bill, H.R. 3630, entitled the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011, to extend Social Security payroll tax cuts and unemployment insurance by a vote of 234-193, with 224 Republicans and 10 Democrats voting yea. On the Senate side, Majority Leader Harry Reid blocked the bill from coming to a vote, in effect holding lawmakers hostage so Democrats can craft a bill that is backed by President Obama. Democrats in the Senate objected to the bill because it includes several Republican priorities that Democrats vehemently oppose. Some Republicans objected to the legislation because Social Security is already underfunded and this tax cut exacerbates the problem. Texas GOP Congressmen voting nay were Joe Barton (TX-6) and Randy Neugebauer (TX-19). Ron Paul (TX-14) did not vote.

In order to get conservative Republicans on board, House leaders added language to the bill that would force the administration to approve the development of the Keystone oil sands pipeline between Alberta and the Gulf Coast, a project that would create many needed jobs. Also attached to the bill is a provision to prevent a forced transition from incandescent light bulbs and a provision to restrict local government in the District of Columbia from funding abortions.

If Congress fails to act by December 31, employees will begin paying 6.2 percent on the first \$ 110,100 in wages in January rather than 4.2 percent.

Neither party wants to be blamed for letting tax cuts for the middle class expire or for a government shut-down. Congress must approve a version of the spending bill or pass a continuing resolution to fund government.

Another major sticking point between the parties is



how to pay for the payroll tax cuts. Republicans want to reduce spending while Democrats support surtax on income exceeding \$1 million.

## Update—It's a Christmas Miracle!

In my article above, I wrote that the fluorescent light bulb ban deadline extension was on the table as a bargaining chip for Republicans in the Omnibus Appropriations bill. Well, it got through! Excellent news.

It is always nice to be able to thank a legislator rather than complain to one. **Congressmen Joe Barton and Michael Burgess** need to hear from us about how much we appreciate their efforts on this.

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## Texans Stand Up for Election Integrity

Source: The Grassroots Texan Network

Approximately 200 Texas patriots came together in Austin on Tuesday to stand up for election integrity. The rally featured Catherine Engelbrecht of True the Vote, Adryana Boyne of Voces Action, Former ACORN Activist Anita Moncrief and Former NAACP Organizer Rev. C.L. Bryant.

Footage of the rally was posted on the Grassroots Texans Network blog at <http://tinyurl.com/2012-01p5a>.

## 2012 Dallas March for Life and Rally

Source: Catholic Pro-Life Committee and Texans for Life Coalition

On January 21, 2012, Dallas will mark 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision of January 22, 1973, legalizing abortion in America and leading to the death of over 50 million unborn children. *Roe v. Wade* started here, and what started in Dallas must end in Dallas. Come and be a voice for LIFE!

Join Texans for Life, Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas, Catho-

lics Respect Life, and many other pro-life groups, along with 10,000 pro-life friends to celebrate life and a year of LIFE-SAVING gains!

Catholics celebrate mass at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral at Ross and Pearl, and Evangelicals rally with inspiring speakers and song at Center Stage inside First Baptist Dallas. At noon, both groups march together to the Federal Court-house where *Roe* was filed.

Bring your banner, bring your friends from church, work and school to stand, march and CELEBRATE for all of Texas to see!



GCRW 2012 Executive Board and Committee Chairs after being sworn in by Justice Martin Richter at the December Christmas Party held at Heritage Farms in Plano, TX.

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# GCRW Works with Collin County Republican Clubs to Bring Christmas Cheer to Seniors

On two Sunday afternoons in December, GCRW members helped other north Texas Republicans to bring Christmas to seniors in centers in Plano and McKinney.

Pictured right are volunteers reaching out to the North Park Rehabilitation Nursing Center in McKinney. They presented a cool television and Blu-Ray DVD player to the residents! Movie nights are back on at the nursing home!

Pictured below are several volunteers singing carols with the seniors from Heritage Manor. The residents enjoyed refreshments and bingo and expressed interest in doing it again.

Thanks to all of the clubs that helped... Plano Republican Women, Republican Women of North Collin County, Connor Harrington Republican Women and Golden Corridor Republican Women.



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# Proud to Help "Corrode" the Liberal Left Education Agenda

By Brenda Rizos, GCRW Education Committee Chair

Texas public schools need conservative oversight from our school boards and the State Board of Education. According to the website for Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. Texas is forty-ninth in verbal SAT scores in the nation (493) and forty-sixth in average math SAT scores (502). Texas is sixth in the nation in student growth with the largest percentage growth seen among low income and minority children.

Most school administrators and school boards have approved suing the state of Texas over funding. But does that funding go to the kids? In the past six years, "the number of central administrators employed by Texas public schools grew by 32.5%, overall staffing in public schools grew by 15.6%, while the number of teachers grew only 13.3%."

From the LIBERAL Texas Freedom Network: *"Because of redistricting, all 15 seats on the Texas State Board of Education will be up for grabs in the November 2012 elections. The results of those elections will determine whether the religious right's corrosive influence over public education will weaken or grow as the board considers what the next generation of public school students in Texas will learn about sex education, social studies, science and other subjects."*  
<http://tfninsider.org/category/2012-texas-sboe-elections/>

This year's SBOE election is critical for the education of our children. Liberals are well aware of recent conservative success and will be working hard to take over the SBOE. Please remind your friends, family and conservative voters of the importance of electing true conservative SBOE members and school board members.

Unfortunately, Terri Leo, a strong conservative, announced her retirement from the SBOE in December 2011. We thank her for her tireless service and wish her the best. She considers these items to be the top three issues for the next elected SBOE board.

- 1) Adoption of textbooks free of anti-American bias
- 2) Protecting the Permanent School Fund
- 3) Adopting solid rigorous curriculum standards

## Volunteers of the Year

The Kay Phillips Volunteer of the year Award was given to Tracy Hancock and Sharon Feagin received the



Unsung Hero Award. Both of these ladies have been an inspiration to the members of our club for some time. Congratulations ladies.



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# What's up with the Texas Primary?

By Candy Noble, GCRW State Liaison


The U.S. Supreme Court has issued what appears to be a unanimous stay on the Texas Legislative and Congressional maps that were drawn by a three-federal judge panel in San Antonio. The hearing before the Supreme Court on January 9, will hopefully determine if the maps drawn by the Texas Legislature (as is their duty) or the maps drawn by the justices will be the ones used by voters. The implications are far-reaching. The drawing of county commissioner districts, constable districts, even local precinct maps cannot be completed until the legislativeB maps are finalized.

As a result, the primary, scheduled for March 6, has been postponed until April 3 in an attempt to have all the maps finalized prior to ballots being sent. Will the Republican presidential nomination still be in play by then? Texas has the second-largest voting block of 155 delegates to the Republican National Convention, and those states that vote prior to our new April Primary will be proportional, so the chances are that magic number of 1214 delegates will not have been reached by then. Texas will remain a proportional delegate state (instead of winner-take-all) since it is too late to change that designation. For the latest on the ever-changing redistricting information, we go to [www.txredistricting.org](http://www.txredistricting.org).

# GCRW 2011 Christmas Party

A good time was had by all...



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