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VOCES Addresses Issues For Latinos

By Chris Davis, VP Programs

Please join GCRW on Thursday, February 3 at 6:45 p.m. for coffee and light refreshments at Fairview Farms Corral Barn and an opportunity to hear from **Adryana Boyne**, the national director of **VOCES Action**, a nonprofit organization that engages Latinos on conservative matters. She is also the official spokesperson for the Republican Party of Texas to the media on Hispanic affairs and to the Spanish media.



The basis of Adryana's values and principles is quite simple...the Bible and the US Constitution. Like the founders of our great nation, she tirelessly and passionately advocates for the core American values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Through hard and selfless work, Adryana articulately voices the need for a sensible immigration policy that demands a secure border while providing visas for blue collar workers. By defending conservative values against liberal Democrats, she is also influencing conservatives to be sensitive towards the Latino population and realistic on the immigration issue.

VOCES, the Spanish word for Voices, is an acronym for "Voices Offering Conservative Empowering Solutions." VOCES Action [under IRS Reg. 501(c)(4)] is aimed at communicating conservative values within and through the Latino population.

VOCES mission is to serve as a voice for conservative Latinos to educate and empower Latinos to express their conservative social, fiscal, and moral values in order to help our nation regain and preserve its moral heritage.

Thursday, February 2, 2011
6:45 Refreshments & 7:15 Meeting Begins
Fairview Farms Marketplace,
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President's Pen

What an incredible privilege to be part of such a dynamic club! I am encouraged to see so many of our members investing their time and energy to help uphold and advance our conservative values. Many made the road trip to Austin in January for the opening of the 82nd Legislature. On the way home, I was thrilled to realize that we had 22 Active and Associate members who attended the opening day events as well as meeting with our State Representatives and Senators in the days prior. Bravo! I hope that many more will get engaged in the process, communicating with our elected officials about pending legislation. Many take it for granted and assume that someone else has made that phone call or sent that e-mail – but your voice matters. Remember, they are constantly hearing from the lobbyists – but they represent YOU.

Many thanks to GCRW Treasurer Sharon Feagin for graciously opening her home for our 2011 Board Retreat. We had a wonderful time planning for many exciting events this year, so I hope you will renew your membership and join us! You will be seeing a lot of new faces, as we have several new members on the GCRW Board. I would like to thank the 2010 Board for their tireless work on behalf of Golden Corridor, and I look forward to working with our new 2011 Board as we forge ahead.

Finally, I hope you will attend at least one of the upcoming County Dinners, as they raise much-needed money for our local parties. In turn, our local GOPs can then focus on getting Republicans elected to all levels of government. To purchase tickets, contact the Denton, Dallas or Collin GOP Headquarters directly or visit their websites for registration forms and further information. See you there!

Feb 26 - Denton County GOP Lincoln-Reagan Dinner
(Speaker: *exciting announcement soon!*)

Mar 5 - Dallas County GOP Reagan Day Dinner
(Speaker: Senator John Thune)

Apr 2 - Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner
(Speaker: Congressman Allen West)

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GCRW Membership Note

By Kathy Letchworth, VP Membership

Have you noticed some gift bags on the membership table at the meetings? As you renew your membership in a timely manner, you become eligible to win one of the gift bags. There are five lucky recipients at each meeting. Renew now and good luck!

You are the best advertisement for Golden Corridor. Invite your friends who are like minded to our next meeting so they can become informed and find a place to plug in their talents.

Your membership dues for 2011 are now due, unless you are a sponsor. Download a membership form from our website, www.gcrw.org by clicking "join us" on the left menu bar of our home page, complete it, and bring it to the next meeting or mail it with a check. The payment address is located on the form. You can also renew online using PayPal. There is a \$2 additional fee.

Just a reminder, dues for Active and Associate women are \$25 and Associate men are \$15. Please renew AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! We need you!

Pro-Life Advocacy Day on Feb 10

On February 10, the Liberty Institute and Concerned Women for America, along with several other organizations, will be hosting a pro-Life Advocacy Day in Austin. The goal is to urge the legislature to pass the sonogram bill. GCRW would like to see as many members as possible in Austin on that day! CWA will be hosting a brunch from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Tickets are available for \$30 each. A pro-life rally will then be held on the South Capitol steps from 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. with invited speakers Governor Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Attorney General Greg Abbott. Following the rally, a short advocacy training will be held prior to free time for vis-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 31** Education in Texas & ISD Initiative—Garland
- Feb 3** **GCRW General Meeting - Fairview Farms Marketplace**
- Feb 10** Pro-Life Advocacy Day & CWA Luncheon - Austin
- Feb 17** GCRW Board Meeting
- Feb 25-27** Tea Party American Policy Summit – Phoenix, AZ
- Feb 26** Denton County Republican Party Lincoln Reagan Dinner DFW Hyatt Regency, DFW Airport
- Mar 3** Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Legislative Day
- Mar 4** District Attorney Greg Willis Swearing-In Ceremony 1:30 p.m., Collin County Courthouse
- Mar 5** Dallas County GOP Reagan Day Dinner
- Mar 10** **GCRW General Meeting Fairview Farms Marketplace** (meeting moved due to TFRW Legislative Day)
- Mar 24** Board Meeting
- Apr 2** Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner. .

More details at GCRW.org

its with representatives. Join us to help push the passage of this important life-saving legislation! More information is available here: <http://www.2heartbeats.net>.


43 Annual Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner

By Denise Cooke, GCRW Collin Co. Lincoln Day Chairman

We are very proud and excited that Golden Corridor member, Joy Flavill, is chairman of this year's Lincoln Day Dinner. *Uniting Under the Texas Stars* is the theme for this year's event, which will be held on **Saturday, April 2, 2011** at the Allen Event Center. The keynote speaker is none other than newly-elected **Congressman Allen B. West** of Florida's 22nd District.

Table sales have already begun with prices the same as in years past, ranging from \$950 for a Silver Table to \$10,000 for a President Table. Golden Corridor is hosting the Silent Auction this year with some exciting surprises and upgrades to that portion of the event. Donations to the Silent Auction are also currently being accepted.

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(Lincoln Day Continued from page 2)

Please contact Denise at 972-754-4496, or GOP Headquarters in McKinney if you would like to donate items for the auction. Please remember to mark your calendars and make plans to attend this not-to-be-missed event!

Lobbying for Speaker

By Barbara Harrison, Newsletter Editor

As the snow began to blanket the metroplex on Sunday, Jan 9, GCRW members Susan Fletcher, Sharron Albertson, Sharon DiOnne and Barbara Harrison set out for Austin to lobby for the next Speaker of the House. It was an educational trip to say the least, and getting up close and personal with elected officials in our state legislature was quite a learning experience. After our arrival, we attended a heartwarming prayer gathering on the Capitol Steps, organized by the Heritage Alliance. What a privilege to pray openly in the public square, without fear of our government or others that would seek to silence us. The next day, we worked alongside several TEA Party groups to ask Representatives to support Ken Paxton, a true conservative for Speaker.

The result wasn't the one we wanted, but several lessons were learned through this experience. 1) When engaging an elected official, it is important to be polite and diplomatic. Several of the Representatives we visited reported that many citizens had been rude and confrontational. It saddened us to hear that much of the lobbying effort was actually detrimental to our cause because it was carried out in such a mean-spirited way. Of course, we must be direct, but also gracious and winsome if we want to have any influence. Representatives are much




January GCRW meeting allowed members to hear from four speakers on Pro Life issues . Pictured (l-r) Pastor Stephen Broden; Susan Fletcher, GCRW President; Vicki Garza; Katherine Hill; Chris Davis, GCRW VP Programs and Michael Flusche SREC (SD 23).

more willing to listen when you approach them with respect. 2) Be steadfast and intentional. We are not going to throw in the towel and give up – not now, not ever! We are more determined to keep working for our shared conservative principles. This was just one battle in the war. 3) Ken Paxton is a man of principle and integrity. He and his dear family have sacrificed enormously for the sake of our conservative cause, along with the other Representatives that stood alongside and supported Ken. 4) A new bond was formed between those who went down and we walked away resolute, knowing that through our continued engagement in this process, we can work together to elect and keep strong conservatives like Ken Paxton.

Get involved and bring others along with you, because our future is at stake!

Americanism

Do not separate text from historical background. If you do, you will have perverted and subverted the Constitution, which can only end in a distorted, bastardized form of illegitimate government. ~ **James Madison** Fourth President of the USA



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Republicans File Several Versions of Voter ID Legislation



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During the last session, the GOP was unable to deliver a voter identification bill after Democrats used delaying tactics to run out the clock. The new Republican super majority in the Texas House should have no problem getting it passed this time around.

During a stop in West Texas in December, Governor Rick Perry stated that a voter ID bill will pass "so fast that it will make your head spin," reported the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.

The question for Texans is which voter ID bill is the best out of the several that have been filed.

Republican State Representative Todd Smith of Euless, who was House Elections Committee Chairman last session, has filed **HB 401**, which is modeled after a Georgia law that requires voters to produce a photo ID in order to cast a ballot. Smith's bill would also create a voter identification card for those who may not have a driver's license, passport, or other approved form of photo ID.

HB 16, filed by Debbie Riddle, gives voters the option of producing either photo ID or two forms of non-photo ID, including a utility bill, a library card, a government check, or even a hunting license.

HB 186 by Charles Perry specifies government-issued photo ID only, as does Warren Chisum's **HB 248**. On the Senate side, **SB 14** has been introduced by Troy Fraser, which would require a government-issued photo ID.

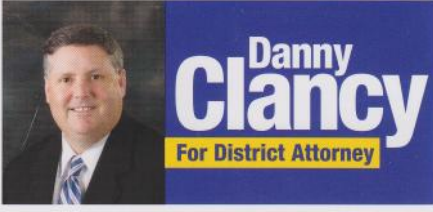




In 2008, the United States Supreme Court ruled that individual states may require valid photo identification

at polling places in order to reduce voter fraud, but challenges to voter identification laws are being waged across the country on the state level. Democrats allege that any requirement to show photo identification in order to vote disenfranchises poor, rural, elderly, and minority voters. Nine states currently require voters to show a photo ID: Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. While the Georgia law requiring a photo ID has been upheld in federal court, the Democrat Party is challenging the law in state court. Indiana's State Supreme Court upheld its voter ID law in a 4-1 decision last summer.

Now is the time to let your state representative know your opinion. Bills are available to read online at: www.capitol.state.tx.us.

The Texas Senate is expected to meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider Senate Bill 14, legislation that would require a voter to present proof of identification when voting. Earlier this week, Governor **Rick Perry** declared the Voter ID legislation as an emergency item and Lt. Governor **David Dewhurst** immediately informed state senators that the bill will be considered next week.

All 19 Republican State Senators have signed on as co-authors to this important piece of legislation. The tentative schedule is to hear invited testimony on Monday, January 24 and public testimony begins at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25.

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Noninvasive Prenatal Genetic Diagnosis Raises Clinical, Ethical Challenges

Source: Jacquelyn K. Beals, PhD,

Prenatal genetic testing has taken a new leap forward thanks to studies by separate groups in the United States and Hong Kong showing that thousands of positions on a gene in the fetal genome can be analyzed from a 10-mL sample of maternal blood. The implications of non-invasive prenatal genetic diagnosis (NIPD) are weighed in a comment published in the January 20 issue of *Nature*.

"It's one thing to find out that your baby has a problem when the baby is 20 weeks, almost to viability. It's different when you can use circulating cells to do a test and find out about your baby at 8 or 9 weeks," said Dr. Caplan. "Some people oppose abortion or ending pregnancy under any terms, but for many, earlier is morally less troubling."

Advocates for the disabled may also be troubled by a test that makes prenatal detection so simple, with accompanying concerns about devaluation of the disabled and the potential decrease of research into disability prevention and treatment.

Full article <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/735979>.

Abortionist Kills Born-Alive Babies With Scissors

Source: RNC for Life E-Notes

A Philadelphia abortionist and four of his employees are facing murder charges in the deaths of one adult and seven born-alive late term babies. The abortionist and four of his employees have been charged with murder. Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell is accused of the murder of one woman who died from an overdose of anesthesia under his direction and also of the murders of seven babies, born alive during abortion procedures and then killed by using scissors to sever their spinal cords.

Point of View Radio Program Has a New Home


By: Dr. Mark A. Brown, Point of View

Point of View Ministries announced January 3 that starting January 3, 2011, *Point of View* radio program will air in the Dallas-Fort Worth area on KDKR 91.3, 92.1 and 97.5 FM and in Commerce on KYJC 91.3 FM. Until last year, *Point of View* was carried on KVTM 91.7 FM for over 30 years. But due to a growing and alarming trend in Christian talk radio, KVTM was sold to National Public Radio (NPR) in late 2009. NPR then flipped the format, removing all Christian program-

ming. Another local AM station in the DFW area, KVCE, carried *Point of View* shortly thereafter. KVCE, itself, was transitioning to an all-Christian format; but in a lease agreement to another radio network starting in 2011, KVCE will remove its Christian programming and run a business news format. Executives of *Point of View* state that the move to KDKR is a natural and refreshing change.


"I'm excited that we will be broadcasting on KDKR and KYJC starting January 3, every weekday afternoon live from 1-3 pm," stated Kerby Anderson, host of *Point of View*. "Each day we help listeners to *Point of View* learn how to articulate and defend a Christian worldview. If you want to understand what is happening in your world and help spread the gospel, KDKR in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is the place to tune to. The partnership with KDKR is right in line with what we do at *Point of View*."

Tool to keep track of Texas Legislation
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Dallas March For Life

By Elizabeth Muzyka. GCRW RNC for Life

As the Dallas March for Life Rally began, we were told that there was good news and bad news. "The bad news is that the police have just told us that we have reached capacity for this space and they want us to use Wood Street for the overflow crowd. Now that's a good problem to have." The Rally was the culmination of a great day for Life. Early estimates are that more than 10,000 processed to the Earle Cabell Federal Building, which houses the district court, where Roe v. Wade was first filed in 1970.

The day started with a Jericho/Rosary walk around the Routh Street Women's Clinic, an abortion center just north of downtown. Hundreds of people **prayerfully** marched around the block on which the center sits; one private school brought five bus loads of students. In just a little over an hour, there were three turn-aways, possibly saving of more than three lives, when you consider both mother and baby.

This year's March for Life also had a **first** in that there were dual worship services going on. The Mass at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe filled the sanctuary, an overflow room and even a double tent outside, while more than 900 were saworshipping at First Baptist Church, with GCRW member Penna Dexter as emcee. One organizer said that at least half of those at FBC were first

timers to the March for Life. Karen Garnett of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee said, "Having parallel services greatly enhances our potential to grow this event."

While the numbers grew, the public witness grew as well. An ecumenical spirit, said by many needed to end this horrific tragedy of abortion, truly permeated the day. As the procession neared First Baptist, shouts of applause came from the crowd assembled there. A photographer on the street related that tears came to her eyes when she saw the ministers and directors from the ecumenical crowd from FBC warmly approach the Catholic clergy and directors of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. It was if they were old friends as they hugged and inquired of each other as to how the other was doing." The day was definitely a success! We pray the adage is correct: "Success breeds success." with a wonderful march helping us to abolish abortion because during the last 38 years, more than 50 million babies have died.



Sharron Albertson, Bernadette Mussell, Kathy Voigtsberger, Elizabeth Muzyka, Candy Noble, Irene Wright and Lisa Nance joined thousands of others at the March for Life in Downtown Dallas January 22.



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Pictured above, Rep Ken Paxton, addressing the 82nd Legislature with Rep. Bryan Hughes looking on.

Speakers Race — My Perspective

By Angela Paxton, GCRW Bylaws Committee

The recent race for Speaker of the Texas House drew the attention of Texans statewide, and I was no exception. In the almost 25 years that I have been married to Ken Paxton, I have been proud of him many, many times – but never more than the last two months as he ran for Speaker. From beginning to end, I was proud of how he executed what I consider to be the two most important duties of an elected official: holding to principle and listening to constituents. (continued on www.gcrw.org)

Editors Note: This is just the first paragraph of Angela's wonderful story. To read the rest of her article, please visit our website www.gcrw.org.

Message from Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman

My name is Reince Priebus and last Friday, January 21, I was elected to serve as the new Chairman of the Republican National Committee. I'm proud and humbled to be given this opportunity to lead the RNC during such a critical election cycle.

Since you and I will be working together to elect Republicans at all levels of government, please allow me to share some of my background with you.

I have always believed in the core conservative principles of the Republican Party. I became involved in politics at an early age growing up in Wisconsin and

have since worked my way up through the Party ranks. Most recently, I served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. Under my leadership, we were able to turn a solidly blue state red.

We started down a winning path in 2010 in Wisconsin and across the nation, but our work is far from done. Together we can build on 2010 and make sure we put a Republican back in the White House in 2012 and take control of the U.S. Senate.




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PRO-LIFE DEMOCRATS: A VANISHING BREED

By Penna Dexter, GCRW National Liaison

The 112th Congress now beginning its work is certainly more conservative than the one that precedes it. But it's also vastly more pro-life. New Jersey Congressman Chris Smith, long a warrior for the sanctity of life, says... the 112th Congress contains "arguably the most pro-life House ever." Wow! Let's hope these folks are *pro-life enough* to pass some good legislation at the national level. The Washington D.C.-based non-profit Susan B. Anthony List works to elect pro-life women, (and some men)...from either party...to Congress. The group's director, Marjorie Dannenfelser, counts 38 seats that "switched" from pro-choice...to pro-life. And in another 14 seats, "unreliable" pro-life votes were replaced with "reliable" ones. So in an election where over 60 seats changed from Democrat to Republican, 52 were "strengthened" in their potential to advance the cause of life. In a recent column for *The American Spectator*, Grove City College Professor Paul Kengor observes that in "Perhaps the sweetest justice of all, leadership of the House goes from Rep. Nancy Pelosi to Rep. John Boehner, a tectonic shift in the pro-life direction—from one lifelong Roman Catholic to another..."

And in the U.S. Senate, the seats that switched from Democrat to Republican, plus a few more, also turned pro-life.

This is certainly to be celebrated...and capitalized upon. But the sad fact is that, among Democrats in Congress, pro-lifers are becoming an endangered species. Professor Kengor worries that, "We're approaching the point where you may be able to count them on two hands, potentially even one

hand."

He points out that it took a few years after the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision to discern where the Republicans and Democrats would come down on the abortion issue. As the Democrats have progressed towards a pure pro-abortion position, pro-lifers are weeded out. Take the debate over national healthcare. Professor Kengor identifies "the Bart Stupak Democrats" led by then-Michigan Congressman Bart Stupak, who stood strong for awhile to keep tough prohibitions against federal funding of abortion in the bill. But in the end, they traded their votes for what is likely a toothless executive order. Most of these pro-life Democrats are no longer in Congress.

One Democrat tried to stop the slide. Pennsylvania Governor Bob Casey very publicly requested a speaking slot at the Democrats' 1992 convention to argue for the protection of the most innocent among us. He was denied the opportunity.

It would be good for the country if there was a strong pro-life component to both major political parties. Imagine the two parties trying to outdo each other, not only in claiming the pro-life mantle to get elected, but also in really earning pro-life votes. Pro-life Democrats are needed to join with strong pro-lifers on the Republican side to pass legislation that discourages abortion. Polls show the country is trending pro-life. The demise of the pro-life Democrat is bad for the party....and the country.

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