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March Meeting Sheds Light on the Muslim Brotherhood

By Chris Davis, VP Programs

Our March meeting will feature a highly sought-after speaker who has become very educated on the Muslim Brotherhood and their agenda in the U.S.



Dorrie O'Brien has been a national mentor for *ACT! for America* for three years, which is an organization dedicated to enacting legislation prohibiting the use of Sharia law here in America. Dorrie recently graduated from the Strategic Engagement Group for the Study of Islamic Doctrine, an "invitation-only" division of the Jorge Corporation in Washington, DC.

State Senator John Carona (R-Dallas) agreed to her request to file and sponsor the "American Law for American Courts" legislation for the 2011 session. *This is essentially an anti-Sharia Law / anti-International Law bill, although it is written in a more positive light, limiting our courts to rule solely based on our own local, domestic American Law.

Dorrie also recently held a fund-raiser for the SIOA, bringing Robert Spencer and Pamela Geller (who are at the forefront of the fight against the Ground Zero mosque) to Ft. Worth in November 2010.

Please Note: DATE CHANGE!!

Please join us one week later than our normal interval meeting date* for this informative and educational presentation.

Thursday, March 10, 2011

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

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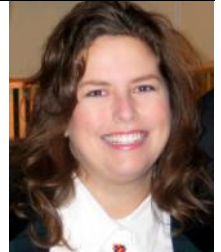
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I hope you have all thawed out after the ice and snow events in early February. It was so disappointing to have to cancel our February General Meeting, but we hope to reschedule our speaker, Adryana Boyne of VOICES, for a future meeting this fall.

Spring is just around the corner and the eyes of pundits across Texas are wide open with anticipation! The 82nd Legislature is in full swing and we look forward to seeing the passage of important bills such as Voter ID and a strong Sonogram bill in the near future. If you haven't already done so, be sure to contact your state representatives and make your voices heard about these as well as other legislation. Municipal campaigns are also ramping up as the March 14 candidate filing deadline approaches. Although these elections are non-partisan, there is much at stake.

Also, I am thrilled to report that on March 3, Golden Corridor will be sending a delegation of 21 to Austin to participate in TFRW Legislative Day! Although we are past the deadline for TFRW-specific functions, it is not too late to participate in the lobbying effort in Austin. I encourage you to carpool down and join us as we descend on the Capitol in our red jackets! ***Note: Due to TFRW Legislative Day being scheduled on March 3, our March General Meeting will be held on March 10.** GCRW VP-Programs Chris Davis will be presiding at the March meeting as I will be out of town. You won't want to miss the presentation on the Muslim Brotherhood from Dorrie O'Brien!

We are planning a Membership Luncheon on Saturday, April 30. Along with renewing your own GCRW membership, please consider inviting like-minded friends to join you at this fun and informative event! All of the declared candidates for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will be invited to speak. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Upcoming Local Elections

By Deidra Dennis, GCRW Americanism Chair

Cities and school board elections are on May 14. Critical dates from filing for a place on the ballot to the first day of early voting can be found at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2011dates.shtml.

Prepare now to vote. If you need to complete a Texas voting application, make a change of address, or get a voter's replacement card, go to www.votexas.org/register_to_vote.html.

To contact your local county elections office, please use the links below.

Collin County - www.co.collin.tx.us/elections

Dallas County - www.dalcoelections.org

Denton County - www.elections.dentoncounty.com

Dallas Event Features Pres. George W. Bush

By Penna Dexter, GCRW National Liaison

On May 14, 2011 President George W. Bush will be the featured speaker at an event benefiting the Alliance Defense Fund. Billed, *DECISION POINTS: AN EVENING WITH PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH*, the dinner will be held at the Hotel Intercontinental, Dallas. The emcee will be Salem Radio host Hugh Hewitt. Tables of 10 are available for sponsorships of \$3000 and up. For more information, contact Penna Dexter pdexter@kma.com; (214) 789-8584.

GCRW Volunteer Hours Request

By Gala Partlow, GCRW VP of Campaigns

Please continue to report your campaign and volunteer hours. This is one area where we can really make a difference and make GCRW shine. It can be a chore and our motivation is not for awards, but it can make a difference! It's

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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, Hope Fobes' home
- Apr 2** Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner
- Apr 7** **GCRW General Meeting, Apolstle Claver, Raging Elephants, Fairview Farms Marketplace**
- Apr 14** Last Day to register to vote in Municipal Elections
- Apr 19** Board Meeting (TUESDAY – due to Maundy Thurs.)
- Apr 22** First Deadline for advertisers to be in yearbook, newsletter, and website
- Apr 24** Happy Easter! He is Risen!

More details at GCRW.org

nice to know that our efforts last year will help fund our conservative cause moving forward. Even though many did not report their volunteer hours last year, GCRW still one second place state wide in the TFRW / Speaker's Party-Building Incentive Program. Report your hours to GCRW Vice President of Campaigns, Suzanne Blackstone and Gala Partlow at VPCampaigns@gcrw.org.

Wisconsin Assembly Passes Bill

By Todd Richmond, The Associated Press

Republicans in the Wisconsin Assembly took their first significant action to fill the state's \$137 million deficit when they passed a bill restricting collective bargaining from most public workers before sleep-deprived Democrats realized what was happening.

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(Wisconsin Bill Continued from page 2)

Republicans had no intention of backing off the main tenets of the bill, and the vote ended three straight days of punishing debate in the Assembly. But the political standoff over the bill — and the monumental protests at the state Capitol against it — appear far from over.

February Proves to Be Busy for Pro-Life

By Elizabeth Muzyka, RNC for Life Chair

When one agrees to take the position of GCRW's Chairwoman for RNC for Life, one might think that January and May would be the most active insofar as pro-life activities go. However, February turned out to explode with activity, and we all participated in many action items at both state and federal levels.

If you grow weary of receiving information asking you to take action, remember this: our current U.S. administration has made each and everyone one of us, as taxpayers, complicit with the illegal activity of Planned Parenthood, which occurs routinely all across the country. Additionally, the abortion lobby in this country is not only trying to make abortion commonplace but it is aiding Planned Parenthood to buy the rule of law and squelch future prosecution of the crimes that run rampant in the abortion industry. If they are successful, attorneys general and lawyers will lose the ability to prosecute crimes in other areas, such as religious freedoms and other rights now afforded us by our Constitution.



On Feb 14, GCRW members Sharron Albertson, Elizabeth Muzyka, Bob and Pippy Rountree were joined by Frisco Tea Party members in front of Planned Parenthood in Addison at the same time as vigils were held in 200 cities across the U.S. after Live Action released videos showing that Planned Parenthood aids and abets the sex trafficking of minors.

As citizens in this wonderful Judeo-Christian nation, we are being sifted as wheat; but there is One, who has sustained us that our faith may not fail. He has also lifted our drooping hands and given strength to our knees. We are called to press on as our GCRW President Susan Fletcher did. She attended the Pro-Life Lobby Day in Austin on Feb.10, despite the ice and snow, and spoke personally with nine of our representatives. She also spoke with staff members and left cards / notes at the offices of 21 other legislators. This is impressive indeed.

While many of us were prevented from making the trip, several Golden Corridor members contacted legislators via the phone and computer. In addition, many of you have called your representatives in Austin for support of the Sonogram Bill and your work made a difference; on Thursday, Feb. 17, it passed the Senate.



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The waste of money cures itself, for soon there is no more to waste. M.W. Harrison

For anyone paying attention to the alarming numbers on the U.S. National Debt Clock (<http://www.usdebtclock.org/>), it is obvious that government spending is spiraling out of control.

Ignoring popular support for fiscal discipline, President Obama this week unveiled a proposed budget that would increase spending from less than \$3 trillion in 2008 to \$3.82 trillion in 2011. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) shows that the federal government deficit for 2011 will total approximately \$1 trillion for the third year in a row. While Obama's plan touts a five-year freeze in domestic spending, it is based on the elevated spending from the last two years, which included the stimulus and represents an 84 percent spending increase. Freezing spending at that high rate would do little to address the escalating federal deficit.






House Republicans, led by Budget Chairman Paul Ryan and bolstered by the Tea Party freshmen congressmen, have proposed \$60 billion in budget cuts for this year alone. Appearing on *Fox News Sunday*, Ryan said, "Presidents are elected to lead, not to punt, and this President has been punting." **H.R. 1**, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, was introduced in the House this week.

House Speaker John Boehner, in an NBC interview, said, "I think it's incumbent on the leaders in Washing-

ton... to go out and help the American people understand how big the problem is. Once the American people begin to get their arms around the size of the problem, then and only then should we begin to lay out an array of possible solutions to have that conversation."

Meanwhile, back in Texas, legislators are struggling to find enough cuts to make up the multi-billion-dollar budget shortfall. Deficit estimates vary widely from \$15 billion to \$27 billion. There is a tug of war between those legislators who believe that revenue must be increased, either by increased taxation or legalized gambling, and those who advocate an across-the-board spending cut. Talmadge Heflin of the Texas Public Policy Foundation maintains that the answer is reduced spending, stating, "Every expenditure must be on the table."

HB 1, Texas' 2012-13 State Budget, would deliver a base budget within existing revenues. Debate over specific cuts is ongoing. **HB 187**, filed by freshman Representative Charles Perry (R-Lubbock), proposes a zero-based budgeting approach, which would require agencies to start from scratch in requesting their funding from the state. **SB 165**, introduced by Senator Florence Shapiro (R-Plano), also relates to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by the state. Lobbying your elected officials to support a zero-based budgeting approach will go a long way in helping lawmakers to address the looming budget shortfall.

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Congressional Republicans Stand Firm and Slash PP Abortion Funding

Source: Dianne Edmondson, RNC for Life Executive Director

Friday night, 2/18/11, the House passed the Continuing Resolution (H.R.1) which continues funding for the federal government for FY 2011 and slashes funding to Planned Parenthood.

All the Republicans voted for the measure except Congressmen Campbell (CA), Flake (AZ) and Jones (NC), who opposed it. Congressmen Quayle (AZ) and Paul (TX) did not vote, along with seven Democrats. All other Democrats opposed the bill; none supported it. Now the CR will go to the Democrat-controlled Senate where it is expected to draw vigorous opposition. More pro-life legislation will be coming up in the House within a few weeks. **ACTION:** If your congressional representative voted for this Continuing Resolution, you may email him/her with thanks for support of these pro-life amendments and the final bill.

Obama Trying To Do an End Run around Texas Citizens

By Donna Garner 2/15/11

Even though Texas Governor Rick Perry, Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott, and our elected Texas State Board of Education members have all

decided not to fall for the "carrot and stick" Common Core Standards/Race to the Top federal program with its myriads of strings attached, the Obama administration is trying to do an end run by inserting \$900 Million into the 2012 budget for Race to the Top funds that would go directly to school districts instead of going to the states.

This is where grassroots citizens must take a stand and tell their Texas superintendents, "No, we do not want the federal government indoctrinating our students and controlling our local school districts." Grassroots citizens also need to contact their congressmen and tell them that the place to cut our federal budget is to do away with Common Core Standards/Race to the Top.

Iraqi Immigrant Dad Convicted of "Honor Killin'"

Source: Fox News, AP, Phoenix

A jury convicted an Iraqi immigrant of second-degree murder Tuesday for running over and killing his daughter in a case prosecutors called an "honor killing."

Faleh Hassan Almaleki, 50, also was convicted of aggravated assault for injuries suffered by the mother of his daughter's boyfriend during the October 2009 incident in a suburban Phoenix parking

lot.


Prosecutors told jurors during the trial that he mowed down 20-year-old Noor Almaleki with his Jeep Cherokee because she had brought the family dishonor by becoming too Westernized. He wanted Noor Almaleki to act like a traditional Iraq woman, but she refused an arranged marriage, went to college and had a boyfriend.

Judge Self Appointed to State Task Force

Source: Dallas Morning News

Collin County Judge Keith Self was recently appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to a state task force on unfunded mandates. Their mission: identify areas where the state is creating rules and laws, but forcing the cities or local schools to bear the financial burden. Judge Self has been instrumental in urging county leaders to consider future growth and retirement benefits, years prior to funding issues in Wisconsin, California, and across the nation.

Referring to why he created the task force, Perry said, "As we look for ways to streamline government and ensure the most prudent use of taxpayer dollars, we should also ensure we are not burdening local authorities with unfunded mandates as they face their own budget challenges."



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California Dreamin'

By Penna Dexter, GCRW National Liaison

As the United States Congress debates budgets, taxes and spending, members would do well to look at the dynamic that's occurring among certain states. States like Illinois and California persist in punishing business and investment by taxing and regulating them into near-oblivion. Other states, like Texas are saying to businesses suffering such persecution: "Y'all come." Governor Rick Perry explained in a recent interview, "We just keep inviting California businesses to look at the economic climate in Texas, where we



Congratulations, Melissa Spence, on winning the Gladys Harrington Award that is given every year by the Collin County GOP, to the most active precinct chair in the county.

treat businesses like assets not villains."

Since I grew up in California, I have been reading with sadness the recent writings of Professor Victor Davis Hanson, prolific author and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, a man who has lived and farmed there all of his life. He describes what is happening to this once-prosperous state where millions used to dream of living. During the 40's and 50's people couldn't get there fast enough, including my father from Nebraska and my mom from Indiana--both states whose finances are now in pretty good shape while California faces fiscal disaster. It's a sickening story of over-regulation, and over-spending on everything from public employee compensation, to pensions to welfare. At 12.6 percent, California has the nation's second highest unemployment rate. The state hands out \$40 million per day to the non-working population to supplement federal unemployment benefits. It's the most populous state in the nation, accounting for 12 percent of the country's population. Yet California provides 30 percent of the U.S.'s entire welfare load. Seventy percent of the state's budget goes to education and social services.

Dr. Hanson describes a recent unscientific survey he did in the state's mostly-agricultural Central Valley where he grew up: For weeks he biked and did lots of driving on various rural roads. Of these once-thriving agricultural and manufacturing communities, he writes at *NationalReview Online*, (12/15/10): "Many of the rural trailer-house compounds I saw appear to the naked eye no different from what I have seen in the Third World. There is a Caribbean look to the junked cars, electric wires crossing between various outbuildings, plastic tarps substituting for replacement shingles, lean-

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tos cobbled together as auxiliary housing, pit bulls unleashed, and geese, goats, and chickens running around the yards."

I was raised in what I remember as the most beautiful place in the world. Indeed, California has the most fertile soil and a climate more conducive to farming than any other state. It's rich in gas, oil, minerals and timber. But even the parts of California that are spectacular, like the gorgeous coastal highway, are marred by stretches of obvious, tragic disrepair. California has the highest sales and income taxes, the most generous entitlements, and just about the worst public schools in the nation. There are more illegal aliens there than in any other state. Tough regulations on small businesses are driving residents out with 2 to 3000 leaving per week. According to a recent study 144 businesses took their entire operations and left California in 2010. This was three times the rate of outmigration from just the year before. Owners told pollsters that California is "just not a hospitable place to do business anymore." Another study places the state dead last in jobs and business growth.

Resource-rich California has to figure out a way to produce more private wealth and consume fewer public funds. And as a nation, we have to make tough choices about welfare and entitlement spending. Or we'll end up like them.

Rep. Taylor Shows Page Voting Procedure



Pictured above, State Representative Van Taylor with his first honorary page, 13-year-old Patrick Fletcher, on the floor of the House of Representatives in Austin. Rep. Taylor is explaining the procedure of voting and how the board lights up, showing the votes that have been cast.

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Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner Update

By Denise Cooke, GCRW Collin County Lincoln Day Chair

With table and ticket sales coming in each day, it is apparent the word is getting out that this year's Lincoln Day Dinner is an event not to be missed! A meeting of enthusiastic volunteers was held two weeks ago, with discussion centered on acquisition of silent auction items, registration procedures, and expectations for the day of the event. Packets containing volunteer badges, silent auction donation receipt booklets, and table sale applications were given to each volunteer. Since that meeting, we have already accumulated a large and varied assortment of silent auction items, ranging from beauty items to home furnishings to recreational and entertainment op-

portunities. More items come in each day, so no doubt there will be something for everyone.


Speaking of silent auction items, we are gathering items to put into a basket for Golden Corridor to donate. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please bring it with you to the next general meeting on Thursday, March 10.

Again, please be sure you have circled the date for this event on your calendar: April 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.; Location: Allen Event Center. And most importantly, the keynote speaker will be Congressman Allen West. To reserve a table or tickets, contact the Collin County GOP: Phone 972-540-5985 or Email collincounty-gop@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise, Denise.Cooke@ProsperityBankTX.com or 972-754-4496.

GCRW Literacy Presents Book

GCRW presented the book, *We the People*, to Prestonwood Christian Academy. Pictured (l-r) former GCRW President Mary Carl Finkelstein, GCRW Literacy Chair Karin Tucker, Librarian Julie Carlyle, Author of *We the People* and GCRW member Carol Sewell, GCRW President Susan Fletcher, GCRW VP Awards Barbara Johnson.

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YOU Did It!!

By David Bereit, 40 Days for Life, 2/18/11

Your prayers, your vigil participation earlier this week, and your calls late yesterday paid off! The heated debate about stripping taxpayer funding from Planned Parenthood -- America's largest abortion chain -- raged for more than two hours in the House of Representatives last night.

During the exchange on the House floor, Congressman Chris Smith read aloud a passage from *Unplanned*, the

bestselling book by former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson about her conversion during a 40 Days for Life campaign. Amazing!

And today, the U.S. House of Representatives -- by an overwhelming majority vote of 240 to 185 -- voted to DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD!! Planned Parenthood is furious. In fact, they just sent out an "Open Letter to Congress" saying, "How could you?" How could they? Because that's what the American people told them to do!

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