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INTEREST:

- Election wrap-up
- Justice Bill Whitehill and Justice Ada Brown at our February Meeting
- 2015 CRW Board
- Dallas County District Attorney Susan Hawk

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# THE CRW

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### Wine Tasting

We are kicking off the new year with a wine tasting at Total Wine and More on January 22. See page 2 for more information on how you can join us in the fun!

### Membership

Please take a moment and renew your membership in the CRW. Dues can be paid by mailing a check or paying online through PayPal on our website. Now would also be a good time to forward this newsletter to a friend and ask them to join also!

### 2015 Board

We were privileged to have TFRW President Jody Rushton install our new board at our December meeting. Our board is listed on page 3 and a photo of our installation is on page 10 of this newsletter.

## President's Pen

It is with great humility that I accepted the presidency of our organization at our December meeting. Thanks so much to those TFRW officers who attended our Christmas party/induction from around the state-Jody Rushton-TFRW President, Vicki Goode, the DCCRW President, and Glynis Chester, the Senate District 8 Director.

I would also like to thank Kit Whitehill, who has been the CRW President for 2013 and 2014, for her unending efforts in starting up our club and getting the ball rolling. We increased membership numbers in 2014 and much of that was due to her hard work. Fortunately, she is remaining on the board as the Programs Chair, which means lots of fun activities this year that will appeal to many of our members.

Also, thanks to those board

members who are continuing to serve-Michelle LaFountain, Pam Varnell, Lynelle Huffmaster, Linda Mays and Sharon Kappers. In addition, we have new Board members in Vera Gibbs, Pam Oxendine, Sarah LaFountain, and Beth Wilcox.

We have a lot of activities planned to kick off the year. We are hosting a Wine Tasting on January 22 from 5-7 pm. It should be a great time at Total Wine that night! The TFRW Board Meeting will be held in Dallas January 30-31 with COL Allen West as speaker on January 30. The annual Reagan Day Dinner is also January 30 in Dallas. Speaker is Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky. Please see more information in this newsletter on any of these activities. We kick off our monthly meetings for 2015 on Sunday, February 9, with Justice Bill Whitehill

and Justice Ada Brown providing information on how our local court systems work. It should be a very educational afternoon!

I found this quote on my 2014 Reagan Ranch calendar, and thought it summed up how all conservatives should view our world today, and as we feel many of our freedoms slipping away-think about how you can help our club try to preserve those freedoms for future generations.

*"You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, The last best hope of man on earth, Or we will sentence them to take the first step  
Into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our Children's children say of us we justified Our brief moment here.  
We did all that could be done."*

-Ronald Reagan  
October 27, 1964

Jane Anne Sellars  
2015 CRW President

Now that all the election and holiday activities are over, it's time to get together with friends, relax and find out what our club has planned for 2015. See our [web site](#) for payment options!

## January Meeting~



## February Meeting~

Coppell Fire Training Center, 3pm Feb 8

Our February meeting promises to be very enlightening. Our guests will be our own **Justice Bill Whitehill** and **Justice Ada Brown** from the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. They will provide information and insight on the judicial system in Texas.

Justice Whitehill was formerly at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and was sworn in on January 1, 2015. He is a gradu-

ate of the University of Texas and SMU School of Law. His work as a trial and appellate lawyer and personal background has given him the experience, judgment, common sense, and analytical skills needed to fairly and impartially serve the citizens of Texas as an appellate justice.

Justice Brown graduated from Spelman College and Emory University Law School. She began

her career as an Assistant District Attorney. She has also served as Judge in the Dallas County Criminal Court, in private practice at McKool Smith and then was appointed to the 5<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals. During the course of her impressive career, she has earned the respect of her peers, who selected her to be a Texas Monthly Magazine's Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2005, 2012, and 2013.



Justice Ada Brown



Justice Bill Whitehill

# Elections Wrap-Up 2014

The Republicans in Dallas County and state-wide worked very hard in 2014:

- block walking
- phone banking
- emailing
- hanging door hangers
- tweeting
- facebook posting
- talking to friends
- attending and hosting Meet & Greets all over the county
- delivering and posting yard signs

Dallas County GOP goals and accomplishments:

- The Democrats battleground Texas did not drive out early voting like they hoped
- Goal was to win at least one county race and we elected our first female District Attorney, Republican Susan Hawk
- Goal was to win HD-105, HD-107 and HD-113. All these were competitive races and GOP candidates won.
- 15 precincts went from voting Democratic to Republican
- There was unprecedented co-

ordination with the Abbott campaign and funding from Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of Texas.

- Republicans led Democrats in Primary turnout

Across the state and the country:

- Republicans won every state-wide office in Texas
- Nationally, Republicans took control of the Senate with a final count of a DOZEN new Republican Senators
- In neighboring Tarrant County we flipped the seat previously held by the Democratic challenger to Greg Abbott



## Election Workers

Several members of our club worked the General Election. Election Day begins at 6 am for set-up and there is usually 1-2 hours of work after the polls close. Our thanks to all election workers for working so hard.

- Terrie Aune – Election Judge
- Sue Miller – Election Judge
- Michelle LaFountain – Election Judge
- Vera Gibbs – Election Clerk
- Kit Whitehill – Election Judge
- Pam Oxendine – Election Clerk
- Jane Anne Sellars – Poll Watcher
- Christine Carroll – Election Clerk
- Elena Blake – Election Clerk
- Davideen Demske – Election Judge
- Susan Cohrs – Election Day Greeter for Susan Hawk

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## CRW Board 2015

<b>President</b>	Jane Anne Sellars
<b>Legislation</b>	Pam Oxendine
<b>Secretary</b>	Michelle LaFountain
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Mays
<b>Programs</b>	Kit Whitehill
<b>Hospitality</b>	Beth Wilcox
<b>Website and Publicity</b>	Michelle LaFountain
<b>By-Laws</b>	Sarah LaFountain
<b>Membership</b>	Vera Gibbs
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Pam Varnell
<b>Campaign Activities</b>	Lynell Huffmaster
<b>Caring for America</b>	Sharon Kappers

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# Membership

It is time to renew your dues for 2015. We have several levels of membership in the Coppell Republican Women.

**Important: Your spouse can be a valuable associate member for our club.**

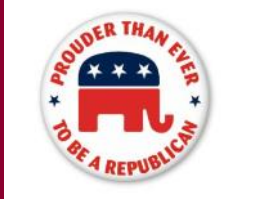
Annual Dues:

- \$30 for active members
- \$15 for associate members
- \$10 for student members

## Not a Member yet?

Our membership form is on our website and can be downloaded and mailed in or brought to a meeting. [Click here to access our website.](#)

We have an email sign up on our website under "Contact Us". We will never sell your email address.



## Ladies, Can We Talk? with DEBBIE GEORGATOS

Podcasts of Debbie Georgatos' January radio program on 660 AM can be found at this link: [Ladies Can We Talk?](#) Check the archives for older podcasts



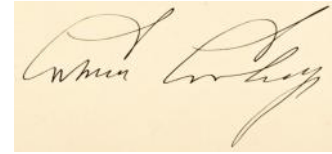
## Calendar of Events

- January 22 @ 5:00pm CRW Wine Tasting at Total Wine and More, 2325 S Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville
- January 26 @ 6:30 pm Collin County GOP is hosting a Chairman Candidate Forum in Frisco. See page 9 for more information.
- January 30-31 TFRW Board Meeting in Dallas
- January 30 @ 8:00pm Reagan Day Dinner, Renaissance Hotel, Dallas
- February 8 @ 3:00pm CRW meeting at Coppell Fire Training Center. Justices Ada Brown and Bill Whitehill, speakers
- February 7 @ 9:30 am-12:00 pm Region III Leadership Training
- March 1 @ 3:00 pm CRW meeting TBD
- April 5 @ 3:00 pm CRW meeting TBD
- April 16 TFRW Legislative Day, Austin
- May 3 @ 3:00 pm CRW meeting TBD
- May 5 @ 6:30 pm, DCCRW evening meeting
- Calendar is subject to change, please check our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for up to date information.

# Americanism

“We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth, peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home. . .But when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done.”

Calvin Coolidge



**We are going to be awarding another scholarship this spring and donations to the scholarship fund can be made by mail or on our [web site](#).**

## Meet the CRW Board

[www.dallasgop.org](http://www.dallasgop.org)

**Our board is a dedicated group of committed women who passionately believe in their mission of educating and training women so we can make a difference.**

This newsletter we introduce two of our new board members **Beth Wilcox** and **Pam Oxendine**

**Hospitality Chair** Beth Wilcox has lived in Coppell since 2005 and is married to Mike Wilcox, 2804 Precinct Chair and past President of the Coppell Republican Club. Their son, Ray, is a senior at Okla-

homa State and daughter, Stephanie, is a freshman at Texas A&M. Beth was born and raised on a farm in Colorado and graduated from Colorado State. She served as Director of Special Events and Stewardship at Ursuline Academy for 9 years, and recently joined Churchill Capital Company of Dallas as Assistant to the President and CEO.

**Legislation** Pam Oxendine says “I am so blessed to have two beautiful daughters in elementary school. I am married to my best buddy Scott. We celebrated sixteen years of

marriage in October of 2014.” Currently, she is the Executive Director of American Cold Nose Patriots, a non-profit to raise funds for the United States Military K9 teams. She was a private pastry chef creating cakes and other goodies for affairs in Dallas/Fort Worth. Pam received her training from Escoffier of Culinary Arts and a amazing Italian Grandmother. Pam says “By far, the best training came from my grandmother.”



CRW is a member of the Coppell Chamber of Commerce.



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## Dallas County District Attorney Susan Hawk



Republicans in Dallas County worked very hard to help get Susan Hawk elected as our first woman District Attorney. She upset a two time incumbent by campaigning on transparency and accountability.

“There’s no trust in the community, no trust in the jury system, and no trust in the criminal justice system. And what I plan, first and foremost, is to regain that trust within Dallas County again.”

“It’s not just about being the first female DA, but the criminal justice system. It’s important, and means a lot to me, and to be able to stand in this position and represent Dallas County and the State of Texas would be an honor,” Hawk said.

She is a former District Judge and prosecutor. She has tried over 150 felony jury trials, and presided over more than 33,000 cases as a judge.

D. A. Hawk is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. She has made Dallas County her home for 22 years.

“When you don’t have trust, there’s no foundation, and that’s what I saw as a judge,” Hawk said.



Members and friends of the Coppell Republican Women met Susan Hawk in the home of one of our members in September .



Block walking for Susan Hawk in Coppell

# Caring for America—Snowball Express

CRW supported **Snowball Express** in 2014. **Snowball Express** serves the children of fallen military heroes and was held in Fort Worth from December 11-15, 2014. Several members of our club volunteered during the weekend event.



I saw this boy get off the bus in his dad's uniform



Lego Competition



CRW board members playing games with VIP guests



Private concert for Snowball Express by LT Dan Band with Gary Sinise

Mark your calendar for Snowball Express 2015!  
Watch for dates at [www.snowballexpress.org](http://www.snowballexpress.org)



Waiting with Chester for the first bus to arrive from D/FW Airport

# Our Sponsors

The Coppell Republican Women is an energetic, dedicated and dynamic organization whose purpose is to educate and train women so we can make a difference in our community, state and ultimately our country.

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## Dallas County GOP Reagan Day Dinner

Dallas County GOP has announced the annual Reagan Day Dinner. It will be held at 8:00 pm on January 30, 2015 at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel located at 2222 N Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX. Special guest speaker is Senator Rand Paul. Senator Paul is the junior United States Senator for Kentucky. Elected in 2010, he has proven to be an outspoken champion for constitutional liberties and fiscal responsibility, and a warrior against government overreach.

At time of this publication, tickets were still available by [clicking on this link](#).

*The Dallas County Republican Party can be found at [www.dallasgop.org](http://www.dallasgop.org)*

## Republican State Chairman Candidate Forum

Our State Chairman, Steve Munisteri has done a fantastic job the last few years but he is stepping down sometime in 2015. The Collin County GOP is hosting a Chairman Candidate Forum on January 26 with social time at 6:30 pm and program at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Calvary Christian Center, 5220 Blair Oaks Drive, The Colony, Texas 75056

The four announced candidates for Texas Republican Party Chairman, Robin Armstrong, Wade Emmert, Tom Mechler and Jared Woodfill, will outline their vision for the Republican Party of Texas. The State Republican Executive Committee representatives will vote on the new Chairman. [Click here for the Collin County Republican Party Facebook Event](#)

## Ali Sharp, Executive Director, Dallas County Republican Party

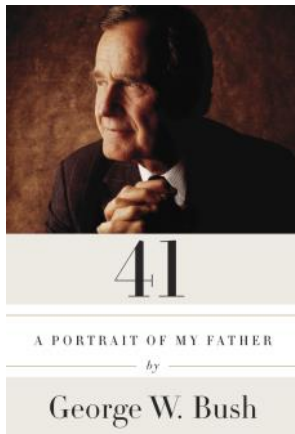
Ali Sharp's firm foundation of conservative values were built in an unlikely place...Austin, Texas. She was raised in Austin and her grandmother ensured that she brought her up knowing the principles that made America great and Ali has spent her life working to further those beliefs. She left Texas for a time to attend Regis University in Denver, Colorado. After graduation, she married her high school sweetheart Steven and moved to Dallas where he started medical school. In an attempt to get involved within the community, she answered an email from the Dallas County Republican Party to stuff envelopes. Before she knew it she was helping to man the Get Out the Vote effort for 2012 and serving as a precinct chair. A passion was ignited and she never left. After a year of volunteering, she became the Organizational Director for DCRP followed quickly by a promotion to Deputy Director. And then after leading the biggest Grassroots operation in Dallas County history, she became Executive Director. Despite her new role within the party, she continues to serve on the board of Park Cities Republican Women as Newsletter Editor. Ali works hard for the party and what it stands, believes that grassroots is the best way to get good candidates elected, and is excited for the future of the Republican Party that will unfold in 2016.



## December Activities



Coppel Lighted Parade



### Suggested Reading

Forty-three men have served as President of the United States. Countless books have been written about them. But never before has a President told the story of his father, another President, through his own eyes and in his own words. — Book description excerpt from Amazon

### Region III Leadership Training

Several members our board will be attending Leadership Training on February 7. This training is a combined event between TFRW Region 3 and Dallas County Council of Republican Women. Thank you to the sponsors of the event; US Representative Kenny Marchant, State Senator Van Taylor, State Representatives Scott Turner and Scott Sandford.