

Coppell Republican Women

Texas Federation of Republican Women Region III Senate District 16

President's Newsletter

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The President's Pen by Kit Whitehill

June is here and it is time to shake off the Covid-19 lethargy and "Get Out the Vote" for the November Presidential election. I hope you read NFRW President Ann Schockett's article in the NFRW newsletter regarding the thousands of calls made by NFRW volunteers to help ensure victories for newly elected Congressmen **Mike Garcia** (CA-25) and **Tom Tiffany** (WI-7). According to President Schockett, "Our NFRWarriors across the nation stepped up and made the difference in these races. In addition to the efforts of the California and Wisconsin Federations that were already actively engaged in the elections in their states, the NFRW put out a nationwide call to action with a goal of generating an additional 10,000 phone calls over a 10-day period. In true NFRW fashion, members crushed that goal with almost twice that number (18,931) calls!" What a great example of strength in numbers!



Texas must elect our Republican candidates and we need YOUR help to accomplish that. Simply voting isn't enough to win in 2020. It is vital that TFRW members register new Republican voters, get Republican voters out to vote, and train voters to vote in every race from the White House down to the Court House.

TFRW recently hosted a conference call featuring Steve Munisteri, Senator John Cornyn, Karl Rove, and TFRW President Glynis Chester and they shared several reasons why the 2020 is so critical.

- After the census is complete, it is anticipated that Texas will have 2-3 more members in Congress - which translates into 2-3 more electoral votes.
- Redistricting will happen next Session in Austin.
- If Democrats take only 9 seats in the State House, it will flip.
- Losing one State Senate seat would give the Democrats the ability to block any bill.
- The party that is in control in the House and Senate will dictate how district lines are drawn, which will affect elections for the next ten years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 6

CRW June Meeting

Special Guest - Dr. David Bobb

6:30 p.m. meeting & 7:00 p.m. speaker

Zoom meeting (see page 3 for details)

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Every Sunday

Pray for Our Country Meeting

2:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting (see page 5 for details)

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Every Tuesday

Coffee with Conservatives

10:30 a.m.

Zoom meeting (see page 4 for details)

Some of the ways you can help without even leaving your own home are listed below and we will send out specific information on how to participate in each of these programs.

- Participate in the Volunteer Engagement Project (VEP) to register new Republican voters
- Volunteer for the 2020 Trump Victory Leadership Initiative Calls.
- Join Coffee with Conservatives Every Tuesday at 10:30AM with Trump Campaign Regional Director Colby Smith. Learn about the state of the campaign, ways to get involved each week, and legislation being passed and current events. (See page 4 for Zoom information.)
- Join the Trump Campaign for a prayer meeting every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. This meeting is dedicated to praying for the President, his staff, and our communities being affected by the COVID-19. (See page 5 for Zoom information.)

Your Trump Team contacts are:

Colby Smith - Regional Director - 404-655-3863

Sydney Dumas - Field Organizer - 254-405-4708

Coppell Republican Women Award Two \$1,000 Scholarships

This is the 7th year that CRW has awarded scholarships to young women who reside in Coppell or attend a CISD school. The candidates are judged on academics, community and school service, and a dedication to Republican principals. This year we are excited to award two \$1,000 scholarships to Celeste Wang and Caroline Dunn.



Celeste is the daughter of Lingzhi and Lei Wang. She attended Coppell High School and will be attending the Weiss School of Natural Science at Rice University where she will study neuroscience on the pre-med track. At CHS Celeste was involved in CHS Band, National Art Honor

Society, National Honor Society, and was a National Merit Commended Scholar. She also was a member of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra. She served her school community as a Red Jacket Student Ambassador and volunteered many community hours through her involvement with Girls Scouts. Celeste will soon be receiving her Girl Scout Gold Award.

CRW congratulates these two young women on their outstanding accomplishments and look forward to watching their successes as they further their education.

Thank you to this year's Scholarship Committee, lead by Chairperson Lynell Huffmaster, for their efforts to select the most qualified applicants for our Scholarships.

Caroline is the daughter of Greg and Kara Dunn. She attended Coppell High School and will be attending Vanderbilt School of Engineering majoring in computer science. Caroline was involved community activities including National Charity League, Teen Leadership Coppell,



and Riverside Church of Christ Youth Group. She has received numerous awards for her leadership including awards from U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, Congressman K. Marchant, Texas State Representative J. Johnson, and Texas State Senator N. Johnson. Among her school activities Caroline was on the CHS Cowgirls Varsity Soccer Team and a member of the National Honor Society.

***Today is a great day to
become a member of Coppell
Republican Women (CRW)!***

There are many benefits to membership:

- informative speakers,
- community service,
- learning about candidates, issues and public policy,
- meeting elected officials and candidates,
- working with talented, involved women, and
- making a difference in our city, state and nation.

It is easy to join by going to the website, www.coppellrepublicanwomen.com. Associate and student memberships are also available. Please contact Angela Miller, Membership Chair, at amillerlaw2@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

“Constitutional Rights and COVID-19: A Citizen’s Guide” is the Topic for the June CRW Meeting

Please join us for a brief meeting of the Coppell Republican Women on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 pm, prior to a special presentation in partnership with the Karyn Brownlee Campaign to begin at 7:00 pm. We are delighted to co-host this special Zoom event featuring **Dr. David Bobb**, President of the Bill of Rights Institute. Dr. Bobb has worked for 20 years to build strong civic education programs that engage the hearts and minds of young people, and joined the Bill of Rights Institute (BRI) as President in 2013. Previously David worked for twelve years at Hillsdale College, where as Founding Director of the Washington, D.C.-based Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship he created an online Constitution course accessed by millions of Americans. Author of *Humility: An Unlikely Biography of America’s Greatest Virtue* (HarperCollins, 2013), and a chapter on Frederick Douglass in a recent volume (Oxford University Press, 2019), David has written for the *Wall Street Journal* and *Fast Company*, and is currently writing a book on the future of civics. He earned a Ph.D. in political science from Boston College. David and his wife Anna live in northern Virginia with their two sons, Walker and Michael.

This meeting and speaker will be held on Zoom. Please respond to the Punch Bowl invitation or contact [Kit Whitehill](#) to receive login for the meeting.

About the Bill of Rights Institute

Established in September 1999, the Bill of Rights Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization that works to engage, educate and empower individuals with a passion for the freedom and opportunity that exist in a free society. BRI is among the nation’s leading providers of free, open education resources and professional development programs for secondary school teachers of American history and civics.

CRW Names Karyn Brownlee as our 2020 Tribute to Women Honoree



The Republican Party of Texas Convention will be held July 16 - 18 in Houston. It is a tradition for the Texas Federation of Republican Women to hold their Tribute to Women Luncheon during the convention. We are excited to announce that our 2020 Tribute to Women Honoree is Karyn Brownlee.

Karyn has a servant’s heart and has made a tremendous impact on our club and our community. Karyn has taken on leadership positions, brought in new members and serves with a warm smile and caring heart. She has also been a leader within our community, serving as a teacher and as the principal of Lee Elementary for eleven years.

For most of her life, Karyn has regularly served as an advocate and activist for people and issues she cares about, fighting for faith, freedom and justice for all. Karyn is also our Republican candidate for State House District 115 and when elected, she will defend the values that make Texas unique. You can learn more about Karyn at her website karynbrownlee.com.

Memorial Day Reflections

As we just observed Memorial Day a week ago, the question of how much do we know about Memorial Day was raised. Here are excerpts from a recent My Faith Votes article.

- Memorial Day began as a response to the carnage of the Civil War. After the Civil War ended in the spring of 1865, Americans began holding springtime tributes by reciting prayers and decorating with flowers the graves of countless fallen soldiers. It was a way to remember those who had given, as Abraham Lincoln beautifully said, “the last full measure of devotion” to defend their nation.
- On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued an order to set aside a unique day for Americans to place flowers on the graves of war heroes, and on May 30 of that same year, the first Decoration Day was held at Arlington Cemetery. President Ulysses S. Grant presided over the first ceremony. Some 5,000 people attended, and James A. Garfield — a Civil War general, a Republican congressman from Ohio and future president — spoke. Following his nearly two-hour speech, schoolchildren from a local orphanage led war veterans, many who were still scarred from battle, to place flowers on all the gravesites of the soldiers, both Union and Confederate, as a sign of unity.
- After World War I, Memorial Day was amended to include all men and women from our armed forces who gave their lives serving our nation. The name "Memorial Day," which was first used in 1882, became more common than "Decoration Day" after World War II, but was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967. In 1971, Memorial Day became officially a federal holiday.



[Click here to read the entire article: "Memorial Day -- What My Family Learned at Arlington National Cemetery" by Megan West, Media Director for](#)

MYFAITHVOTES
United. We Stand.

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- Let's talk-
- legislation being passed
 - state of the campaign
 - ways to get involved every week
 - current events

Zoom link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/9640765645>





WHO ARE YOU CARRYING?

Unfortunately, many Memorial Day traditional observances were cancelled with activities being held virtually due to COVID-19. A traditional Memorial Day celebration in Dallas for 10 years has been the Carry the Load Memorial March where thousands of people converge on Reverchon Park in Dallas to honor the nation's veterans. This year, the march was changed to a memorial drive and Coppell Republican Women were represented by Sharon Kappers, Vice President-Community Service and Jane Anne Sellars, Vice President - Americanism. These women have marched at Carry the Load for several years and we are very proud to have them as members and officers of our club.



America Can We Talk?

Karyn Brownlee, CRW First Vice President-Programs and our Republican Candidate for House District 115, was recently interviewed as part of The Park Cities Republican Women video series entitled, *Get to Know the Candidates*. Karyn was interviewed by **Debbie Georgatos**, Host of "[America, Can We Talk?](#)". [Click here](#) to watch the interview.



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BE INVOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS

Be Active!

- Research your elected officials – an online search will give you much information. Knowing who represents you is critical to staying informed.
- Register to vote, get others to register to vote.
- Join Coppell Republican Women (CRW)!
- Attend meetings – city council, board of education, town halls, etc.
- Follow your representatives on Twitter, Facebook or other social media.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY *Submit Your Hours!*

- Who: All members both active and associate
- What counts: Time you spend, including travel time, related to political activities, when you are not compensated
- How: Click on [“Report Your Hours”](#)

CRW Board Members for 2019-2020

President - Kit Whitehill
 First VP of Programs - Karyn Brownlee
 VP of Membership - Angela Miller
 VP of Campaign Activities - Lynell Huffmaster
 VP of Legislation - Pam Varnell
 VP of Ways & Means - Maureen Vanacore
 VP of Awards - Lorraine Carroll
 VP of Community Service - Sharon Kappers
 VP of Americanism - Jane Anne Sellers
 Secretary - Jonica Cason
 Treasurer - Linda Mays

Volunteer!

- Put your skills to work by helping CRW with events, registration, membership, etc.
- Work on a Republican candidate's campaign: knock on doors, make phone calls, help with planning/organizing events.
- Work for your local GOP headquarters: stuff envelopes, answer phones, respond to emails.
- Serve at the polls as: election clerk, election judge, poll worker.

Give Power to Your Voice!

- Contact your representatives: use social media, call their local offices, write a letter or email, visit their offices in person.
- Attend town hall meetings and ask questions and speak your mind directly to your representatives.
- Donate money to support causes and candidates you believe in.
- VOTE! Make sure you are available to vote whether it's mail-in ballot or in person.
- Run for office or join a Citizen Advisory Board to advise area/ facility/regional directors on community needs.

For more information visit our website:

<https://coppellrepublicanwomen.com>

Have a question?

Email us at: CoppellRepublicanWomen@gmail.com



**ARE YOU
REGISTERED TO
VOTE?
KNOW SOMEONE
WHO NEEDS TO
REGISTER?**

Deadline to vote in the November 3 General Election is October 3. [Click here](#) to go to the Dallas County Elections Website to get information on registering.