



Lubbock Area Republican Women

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June 2014

Presidents Message:

Our next monthly meeting will be June 19th at the Lakeridge Country Club. Patti Jones and Morgan Olivier, co-Vice Presidents, have arranged a presentation on water conservation and plant selection. Our speaker will be Vikram Baliga from the Texas Agrilife County Extension Agent-Horticulture.

Congratulations to Ann-Marie Carruth on surviving the runoff election for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4. As there is no Democratic opponent for this elected office, Ann-Marie will take office on January 1, 2015.

Although it seems like the primary season and city/school elections have been going on for months, please don't forget that there is another runoff election that we need to vote in. The election for City Council, District 3, will be held on June 21st. Early voting for this spot will begin on June 9th and end on June 17th. The candidates for this position are Deanne Clark and Jeff Griffith, who garnered 39% and 33% respectively. We encourage you to support the candidate of your choice with both financial donations and volunteer efforts.

Please pray for the safe travels of the delegates from Lubbock County traveling to the upcoming Republican Party convention in Fort Worth. The agenda for the convention is full of exciting events and speakers. Although opportunities exist to hear Senator Ted Cruz and other prominent elected officials, there is also much work to be done by the delegates as they discuss the state platform. There are contested issues being presented and our delegates will face some tough decisions. My prayer will be that we make decisions consistent with the core values of hard-working West Texans and that our group will work together in unison toward the common good of all West Texas citizens.

Lubbock County will be experiencing significant changes in the very near future. Both the County Clerk's Office and the District Clerk's Office will be complying with Supreme Court mandated e-filing in civil cases effective July 1st. This may not seem significant for you as someone not directly involved with the judicial system. What we envision as positive progress resulting from e-filing is not only efficient filing through a fully integrated system which will significantly reduce the data entry time currently required by

our staffs, but also significant decrease in expenses related to copying, scanning and filing of court documents. To put this into perspective, the District Clerk's Office requested a report indicating how many entries were made onto the court management system by deputy clerks for a 6-month plus period and the result was phenomenal. During that time period, 84,565 entries were made primarily based on the presentment of a document or filing of some sort. Of those, approximately 1200 were e-filed. What we will be facing on July 1st is approximately 12,000 documents being e-filed in civil cases versus the traditional over-the-counter filings. While we don't anticipate the immediate reduction in workforce, we do hope to transition to properly preserving the historical court records in our custody. I can't speak for the County Clerk's Office, but I would estimate there are close to a million files in the warehouse that need to be digitized.

Additionally, the final stages of testing for reporting online for jury duty are underway. We have one last test group to go through the process. Once any issues are resolved as a result of that testing, we will be offering online reporting for initial appearance in the jury selection process. The summonsed potential jury will go to a website and enter responses to the questions normally presented on the jury summons. The jurors will also be able to claim exemptions through this process. Jurors will still be able to report in person if they so choose. The panels will be chosen electronically through a random selection process and jurors will be notified by email, text or phone call as to which court they are assigned to and when they will have to report. Should the court no longer need jurors for the date they were assigned, the jurors will again be notified by email, text or phone. We hope that this will make the process simpler and more convenient for jurors, and again will save the financial resources of the County by reducing the number of jurors who will actually report to courtrooms for jury duty.

Barbara Sucsy, LARW President

Welcome New Members
Francis Christmann and Nonette Joachim

SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to sign up for our social media class to be held on June 21st. You can sign up now by sending an RSVP to Amanda King at correspondingsecretary@larw.org. Location/Time details will be announced at our monthly meeting on June 19th and will be emailed to those who sign up.





*IN HONOR OF MOTHERS DAY 2014, MAY LARW MEETING
LARW MEMBERS AND GUEST OF HONOR*



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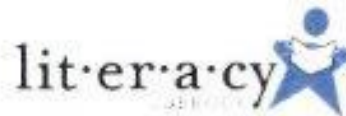
Kelly Pinion, our Outreach and Caring Chairman, will continue to receive toiletry donations from LARW members. Please see Kelly and fill out the donation form. This is a project that will continue throughout the year. If you have any questions please contact Kelly: pinion@sptc.net



At the May meeting, a check was presented to Lynda Dutton from Literacy Lubbock for the Early Childhood *Tiny Tots Read a Lot!* program. Please see their thank you letter on page 5.



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Dear Kelly and Members of the Lubbock Area Republican Women,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$250.00 from your organization which was presented to Literacy Lubbock at your meeting of May 15th. We are immensely grateful to the Lubbock Area Republican Women for this generous funding in support of our *Tiny Tots Read a Lot!* program which is a vital part of our Early Childhood and Family Literacy programs.

Thank you for your caring and your compassion. Your donation will be utilized to purchase children's books of quality literature for our Early Childhood *Tiny Tots Read a Lot!* program at the two established sites of Godeke and Groves Branch Libraries. Statistically, studies report that the single most significant indicator of a child's success in reading and academic success in school is the presence of books in the home. Every child in attendance receives a free book every week in our *Tiny Tots Read a Lot!* program, which enables these very young children to begin building their personal home libraries. Our Early Childhood and Family Literacy Programs help young children build and expand vocabulary, increase their world knowledge, develop a relationship to print, and instills a joy of books and reading. Fostering early development of children's literacy skills provides a highly beneficial start in preparation for successful school careers and improved future opportunities. We want to enable children to begin school with an even start, ready to read and prepared to succeed.

We at Literacy Lubbock are extremely grateful to each of you for this very generous contribution of \$250.00. Your gift will brighten and enhance the world of children you may never meet, but in future times, through your support of the immense empowerment of Literacy, it will open doors to their dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Dutton".

Lynda Dutton
Executive Director
Literacy Lubbock

P.S. Thank you also for treating me to a very delicious lunch at Lake Ridge Country Club. I very much enjoyed the meeting and our visit.

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