

The Republican Club of Sun City NEWSLETTER

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CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS

Thirteen candidates for various county offices (judge, justice of the peace, constable, treasurer) will make brief presentations to the club during its dinner meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 20 in the ballroom of the Social Center in Sun City.

Because of time constraints, the amount of time available (approximately 4 minutes) to each of the candidates must be severely limited; however, attendees to the event will also have opportunity to learn more about the candidates via personal contacts with the candidates during the social period, and via candidate campaign material which will be made available that night. In addition, some contact may also be available after the conclusion of the meeting.

Following are the names of the participants and the positions for which they are candidates:

JUDGE, 277TH DIST. COURT

Ryan Larson
Stacey Mathews (I)

JUDGE, 368TH DIST. COURT

Donna King
Rick Kennon (I)

COUNTY CT. AT IAW, #3

Tallion Taylor
Doug Arnold (i)

JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. 3

Bill Gravell (I)
Robert Lloyd

CONSTABLE, PCT. 3

Jeff Eckert
Kevin Stofle (I)

COUNTY TREASURER

Ralph Pruy
Jerri Jones
Michell Cantwell

(I) denotes incumbent

The Social Period, Dinner and Program. A social period will begin at 6:00 PM. The dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed by the program. The dinner will consist of king ranch chicken casserole, green beans, garden salad, and French bread.

Cost. Cost is \$16 per person. Checks made out to **The Republican Club of Sun City** should be mailed to: **The Republican Club of Sun City, 1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, Box 227, Georgetown, TX 78633.** The deadline for payment or reservations is Friday, February 14.

Club treasurer John Congdon has set up a special collection box on his front porch at 610 Farm Hill Drive for individuals wishing to hand-deliver payments, this being said with the proviso that the Friday deadline has been met. For information about reservations, contact John at 512-686-1676 or johnsctx@gmail.com

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR MARCH

Vice president John Graves reports that he is currently engaged in setting up a forum involving the candidates for the position of Mayor, City of Georgetown during the club's March 13 dinner meeting. Inasmuch as the filing period for that office has not expired, final announcement cannot be made at this time.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Bumper Stickers Now Available. Thanks to the efforts of club treasurer John Congdon, bumper stickers will be made available without charge to attendees at dinner meetings. John explained that the stickers can be mounted on bumpers or rear windshields, that the stickers are easily removed, and that each states:

Keep Texas

Successful

Vote Republican!

John also reports that the number of attendees at the January 9 dinner meeting was 185, with another estimated 25 attendees present as spectators.

Vice president Bill Chiles reports that current 2014 club membership stands at 159.

Some Gentle Reminders: (1) The recently established club web site, available at www.rcsctx.org provides a host of information about the club, the party, elected officials and the like. (2) The membership drive for 2014 is still in progress. Members from 2013 who wish to renew for 2014 do not need to submit an Application for Membership with payments unless they need to update contact information. All others should submit an Application (available at the club's web site) along with dues payment (\$15 per person).

Sample Ballots. Sample ballots, by precinct, are available at the Williamson County web site, www.wilco.org

Members Are Urged to Bring Guests to Meetings. Members are urged to bring to club meetings as *guests* those friends and acquaintances who could enjoy learning about the club and meeting some of the club members. These guests could also be potential new members.

President Creates New Committee. Club president Robert Fears announced the creation of a special committee, tentatively identified as the Sun City Republican Energizing Committee, whose duties include an “energizing” of Sun City Republicans to promote an understanding of party principles and the election of Republican candidates. In short, the committee is to counter efforts of Democrats to change Texas from a red state to a blue state.

Robert appointed vice president John Graves as committee chairman. Club members interested in becoming committee members should contact John at johnbgraves@verizon.net

Club Makes Donation to “Honor Flight Austin.” Upon authorization of the Executive Committee, the club sent a gift of \$1,000 to the “Honor Flight Austin” whose mission is to “send more WWII veterans from the Austin area to see their memorial in the nation's capital before it is too late.” The gift helps defray costs of hotel accommodations, food, airfare and ground transportation for two days.

Allen Bergeron, USMC RET, chairman of that organization, upon receipt of that gift, reported that, “The veterans who participate in one of our flights continue to talk about their experience as a memory they will never forget.”

NEWS OF THE COUNTY PARTY

County party chairman Bill Fairbrother announced that the precinct conventions will be held on Tuesday, March 4 (Election Day) after the conclusion of voting, and that the county convention will be held on Saturday, March 22. Information about these conventions is provided in a separate news article below.

Fairbrother sends out a call for help in 3 regards: (1) at the primary election on March 22: Election judges and workers are needed. If interested, contact: elections@williamsoncountygop.org. (2) at the Reagan Dinner on Monday, February 17 in the Sun City ballroom. Help is needed in setting up, during the event, and in cleaning up. If interested, contact Nita Davidson @ county party headquarters, 512-863-8481, and (3) at the party headquarters to answer telephone, hand out materials and provide information. If interested, contact the party headquarters.

Locations where early voting and Election Day voting will be held are available at the Williamson County web site, www.wilco.org

NEWS OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL PARTIES

Although largely unreported by the media, the number of defections in Texas by Democrats to the Republican party have been significant. State party chairman Steve Munisteri reports in his December newsletter that 28 Democrat elected officials have switched to join 230 of the previously reported Democrats who have switched parties since 2008. In terms of Texas counties, Republicans hold 169 – or more than 2/3 - of the 254 counties in the state.

In regard to another matter, Munisteri says that Republicans can sign up now for hotel reservations – even though they have not been formally elected as a delegate - for the 2014 Republican Party State Convention scheduled for June 5-7 in Ft. Worth. To sign up, access the state party web site at www.texasgop.org

Munisteri also reports on some big rules changes regarding the selection of a presidential nominee. The Republican National Committee (RNC) recently took steps to avoid the prolonged primary fight which took place in the past. The nominating process has been significantly shortened. Munisteri states that “the presidential primary process, instead of being about 6 months long, will be about 3 ½ months long.”

The new rules, which go into effect in 2016, allow four states – Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Nevada – to hold nominating contests in February. Others are free to schedule their caucuses or primaries after March 1.

The RNC left undecided – for now – two of the biggest questions concerning the party: the date and location of the party's nominating convention.

NEWS OF THE PRECINCT AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

The Precinct Conventions. All precinct conventions of the county will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at the same location where balloting took place on Election Day. All meetings will begin sign-in procedures at 7:30 PM, with meetings being convened at 7:45 PM. The following information pertains to the 3 precincts in Sun City:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Precinct Chairman</u>	<u>Meeting Site</u>	<u>Address</u>
381	Barbara Mabray	The Oaks	301 Del Web Blvd.
392	Meredith Chiles	Village Elementary	400 Village Commons Blvd.
396	Everett Schmidt	The Worship Place	811 Sun City Blvd.

After electing a permanent chairman – which could be the precinct chairman, but doesn't have to be – the convention proceeds to discharge its two main duties: (1) Elect delegates and alternates to the county convention, and (2) receive and vote on proposed resolutions (planks to the state party platform) to be submitted to the county convention for consideration. To be eligible to vote, one must have voted in the Republican primary.

Each precinct is entitled to send to the county convention one delegate for every 25 votes cast during the most recent race for Governor.

One does not have to attend the precinct convention to be a delegate to the county convention; however, to be eligible to be a delegate or alternate, one must have voted as a Republican in the primary and must have been elected at the precinct convention.

Participants in the precinct convention may submit resolutions for consideration by those in attendance. The use of a format in which the term “Whereas” is used is optional when submitting a resolution; the wording may simply be in the form of a statement as it may appear in the state party platform. A proposed resolution must be submitted in writing. It is debatable and amendable. Passed resolutions are submitted to a Resolutions Committee at the county convention for further consideration.

Resolutions are considered as additions, deletions and/or modifications to the 2012 State Republican Party Platform. It is therefore important that individuals considering the submission of one or more resolutions at the precinct convention check in advance of the convention a copy of the State Platform to see if the subject of a proposed resolution has already been addressed, as is often the case. A copy of the platform can be obtained from the state party web site: www.TexasGOP.org

The County Convention. The county convention will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the LifeSprings Church in Liberty Hill, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The main purposes of the county convention are (1) to select delegates and alternates to the State Convention scheduled for June 5-7, and (2) to adopt resolutions (party planks) to be recommended to the State Convention. Frequently, important announcements are made and important county party business is transacted at these conventions.

PRIMARY BALLOT TO INCLUDE SIX PROPOSITIONS

Pursuant to Section 172.087 of the state Election Code which authorizes the state executive committee to include proposals on the primary ballot, the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) voted to include the following propositions on the 2014 Republican primary ballot:

- **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:** Texans should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places.
- **SECOND AMENDMENT:** Texas should support Second Amendment liberties by expanding locations where concealed handgun license-holders may legally carry.
- **FRANCHISE TAX:** Texas should abolish the state franchise tax, also known as the margins tax, to encourage business growth.
- **WELFARE REFORM:** Texas recipients of taxpayer-funded public assistance should be subject to random drug testing as a condition of receiving benefits.
- **NO LAWMAKER EXCEPTION:** All elected officials and their staff should be subject to the same laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances as their constituents.
- **OBAMACARE:** The Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare,” should be repealed.

IMMIGRATION LAW AND THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

Foreword. The confluence of three recent events has precipitated intense discussion of possible reform of immigration law, including amnesty: (1) the headline which shows that Hispanics in California are predicted to outnumber whites in 2014, (2) the efforts of the Republican leadership, once again, to bring about immigration reform containing provisions which conservatives do not understand and which they believe could lead to the demise of the Republican Party, and (3) the stunning report by author Phyllis Schlafley, summarized by author Ann Coulter, revealing, among other things, that the belief systems of immigrants are contrary to American Constitutional government in several respects.

This report will expand on those events and will also provide some historical context.

The Changing Demographics. The news item which stimulated much comment over talk shows and elsewhere was the one which reported that government agencies of California are predicting that in 2014 (in March) the number of Latinos in that state will exceed the number of whites. That's a major change from only 15 years ago when whites outnumbered Latinos by 5 million.

That constitutes a 50 – 1 Latin America-to-Europe ratio, reports Coulter, who then contends that the ratio “isn't a natural phenomenon that might result from, say, Europeans losing interest in coming here and poor Latin Americans providing some unique skill desperately needed in our modern, technology-based economy.” To the contrary, she concludes: “It's a result of an insane governmental policy.” One dating back to 1965.

If the goal of the immigrants was to assimilate into the American culture, that ratio should not be an insurmountable problem; however, there is evidence that assimilation is not taking place, and there is evidence that the immigration law of 1965 (and cited above) was based largely on political considerations. Further, the drain on the nation's welfare system is now dangerous with the addition of immigrants to welfare rolls.

The Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965. Columnist Georgie Ann Geyer, in a 2001 op-ed piece, contends that, “The truth is that our current dangerously porous borders, our deliberate preferences for immigrants from the Third World, and the philosophical outlook that sustains the system were all explicitly put into place in 1965 [with the Immigrations and Naturalization Act of 1965]” The act was passed largely through the efforts of Sen. Ted Kennedy.

That act abolished a policy which had been in effect since at least 1890 when those admitted to America were members of ethnic groups already represented here. That policy was replaced in 1965 by one of “family reunification,” which, contends Geyer, “in effect, gave control over immigration to new immigrants who then brought their relatives here in huge numbers.”

That change in policy brought about staggering changes in the demographics of immigrants. In 1910, continues Geyer, nearly 90 percent of U. S. immigrants came from Europe. By the 1980s, more than 80 percent came from Asia and Latin America. By 1979, a mere 3 percent of the immigration allowances was allotted to the United Kingdom, the country whose people were the original citizens and whose principles formed this country.

Sen. Kennedy, in promoting the 1965 Act, made some statements which appear demagogic if not downright dishonest: “First, our cities will not be flooded with a million immigrants annually. Second, the ethnic mix will not be upset, [and] no immigrant visa will be issued to a person who is likely to become a public charge.”

Providing more deceit, Sen. Hiram Fong (R.-Hawaii), another supporter of the bill, said: “The people who have built up America, the Anglo-Saxon, and the northern people of Europe, are not discriminated against in this bill. Our cultural pattern will never be changed as far as America is concerned.”

Coulter adds the following observations about the *current effect* of the 1965 law:

- **Ted Kennedy's 1965 Immigration Act was designed to artificially inflate the number of immigrants from the Third World, while making it virtually impossible for anyone from the nations that historically provided our immigrants to come here.**
- **Pre-1965 immigrants were what made this country what it was to for a reason: They were the pre-welfare state immigrants. From 1630 to 1996, immigrants sank or swam. About a third of them couldn't make it an America and went home . . .**
- **The reason that today's average immigrant matters is that, unlike their predecessors, the losers never go home – they go on welfare.**
- **It should not come as a surprise that a majority of recent immigrants are following a path that's the exact opposite of earlier immigrants. The immigrant story of lore is that the first generation is poor but works hard, then the second, third and fourth generations soar up the socioeconomic ladder. But innumerable studies have shown that Mexican first-generation immigrants work like maniacs – and then the second, third and fourth generations plunge into the underclass.**

Author Warren Mass contends, “the extensive system of government benefits that presently entices immigrants to come to America illegally simply did not [previously] exist.”

The Politics: The Importance of Immigrants to Democrats. According to Coulter, “Immigrants – all immigrants – have always been the bulwark of the Democratic Party. For one thing, recent arrivals tend to be poor and in need of government assistance. Also, they're coming from societies that are far more left-wing than our own. History shows that, rather than fleeing those policies, they bring their cultures with them.”

Rush Limbaugh states the issue more forcefully: “The Democrat Party need a permanent underclass. That's their base. That's who elects them. They need people who are in poverty. They need the poor to stay poor – to depend on government benefits provided by, they think, Democrats.” (Do not proposed and enacted economic policies of the Democrats provide verification of Rush's points?)

Latino leaders are already planning to make political gain out of the reported change in demographics coming in 2014 in California. MSNBC reports that one Latino leader, thwarting any pretense of assimilation, “marked the milestone [the announcement] Monday with a rally on the steps of the state's capital building in Sacramento.” Leading the rally was Orlando Fuentes, president of the Latin Democratic Club of Sacramento.

Family Values. The prevailing belief seems to be that the family values of Latinos are very similar to those of conservatives; however, that belief seems to be undermined by recently released figures on out-of-wedlock births. The percentage of illegitimate births of Hispanics currently stands at 53.3%. (Other illegitimacy rates are: blacks – 72.3%; non-Hispanic whites – 29.1%; Asian/Pacific Islanders – 17.2%. Overall – 40.7%!)

The Belief System of Immigrants. Coulter reports on some of the statistics compiled by author Phyllis Schlafly. They should be of great concern – not only to Republicans, but also to all Americans who wish to preserve our form of Constitutional government. Following is a sampling of those statistics:

- According to a Harris poll, 81% of native-born citizens think the schools should teach students to be proud of being American. Only 50 percent of naturalized U. S. citizens do.
- While 67 percent of native-born Americans believe our Constitution is a higher authority than international law, only 37% of naturalized citizens agree.
- The two largest immigrants groups, Hispanics and Asians, have little in common economically, culturally or historically. But they both overwhelmingly support big government, ObamaCare, affirmative action and gun control.
- While only 40 percent of the general public holds a favorable opinion of ObamaCare, 51 percent of Asians have a favorable and 18 an unfavorable one.
- While 47 percent of self-described “liberal Democrats” hold a negative view of capitalism, 55 percent of Hispanics do. Pew also found that only 27 percent of Hispanics support gun rights, compared to 57 percent of non-Hispanic whites.
- Seventy-five percent of Hispanic immigrants and 55 percent of Asian immigrants support bigger government, according to Pew. Even after three generations in America, Hispanics still support bigger government 55 percent to 36 percent, compared to the general public, which opposes bigger government 48 to 41 percent.

REAGAN'S PROPHETIC WARNING FROM 1965 TO AMERICA

In 1954, Ronald Reagan was hired to host General Electric Theater's TV drama series during which he articulated his own pro-free market message which came from *his own hand*. Following are excerpts from a radio address he delivered in 1961 on the subject of socialized medicine, a subject extremely important today:

Back in 1927 an American socialist, Norman Thomas, six times candidate for president on the Socialist Party ticket, said the American people would never vote for socialism. But he said under the name of liberalism the American people will adopt every fragment of the socialist program. . .

One of the traditional methods of imposing statism or socialism on a people has been by way of medicine. It's very easy to disguise a medical program as a humanitarian project. Most people are a little reluctant to oppose anything that suggests medical care for people who possibly can't afford it.

But let's also look from the other side, at the freedom the doctor loses. . . The doctor begins to lose freedoms; it's like telling a lie, and one leads to another. First you decide that the doctor can have so many patients. They are equally divided among the various doctors by the government. But then the doctors aren't equally divided geographically, so a doctor decides he wants to practice in one town and the government has to say to him you can't live in that town, they already have enough doctors. You have to go someplace else. And from here it is only a short step to dictating where he will go . . .

In this country of ours, took place the greatest revolution that has ever taken place in world's history. The only true revolution. Every other revolution simply exchanged one set of rulers for another. But here for the first time in all the thousands of years of man's relation to man, a little group of the men, the founding fathers – for the first time – established the idea that you and I had within ourselves the God given right and ability to determine our own destiny.

WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR OF THE LEFT?

The reader may recall from the January 2014 club newsletter the explanation as to how the tactics of intimidation and harassment advocated by leftist hero, Saul Alinsky, in this book, Rules for Radicals, can be used as effective means of furthering leftist causes. For example, Alinsky recommends such tactics as the following be used at public events:

- In 1972, at Tulane University, when George H. W. Bush, then U. S. representative to the United Nations was to give an address in defense of Nixon administration Vietnam War policies, some students informed Alinsky they were planning to picket Bush's address. But Alinsky told them, instead, to go to hear the speech dressed as members of the Ku Klux Klan, and whenever Bush said something in defense of the Vietnam War, they should cheer and wave placards reading, “The KKK supports Bush.” That is what they did with very successful, attention-getting results.
- Tying up all the restrooms at O'Hare Airport by having demonstrators lock themselves in the toilet booths equipped with books to read, and then staying all day.
- Paralyzing a bank by having 100 people show up at once with \$5 or \$10 to open a savings account which they would then come back to close the following day.
- Buying 100 tickets to a Rochester symphony concert for 100 blacks, feeding them lots of baked beans beforehand so that they had to get up and go to the restroom during the first musical selection. This created a combination not only of noise

but also of odor, what you might call natural stink bombs.

At first blush, these tactics may arouse a chuckle or two; however, upon reflection it can be noted that these tactics can lead to deadly serious ones. Witness the following recent reports: (1) Wendy Davis' disruption of the Texas Legislature as it debated a bill on abortion; (2) the disruption which took place in Wisconsin's state capital when the Republican-led legislature and Republican Governor Scott Walker were considering certain restrictions on public unions; (3) the personal threats against Gov. Walker and his family near his residence; (4) The tactics used by the IRS against the Tea Party with no relief even attempted by the Attorney General; and (5) the vile, uncouth verbal behavior directed at Sarah Palin by leftist news personnel.

An evaluation of these tactics leads to the question as to whether any Republicans or conservatives engage in such despicable conduct. Do they? And if not, what are the reasons for the distinction? Possible explanations include the teachings of Saul Alinsky, traditions of leftists, and an absence of religious influence. But David Horowitz, who analyzed Alinsky's book, may have summarized it best: "Conservatives are generally too decent and too civilized to match up adequately with their radical adversaries . . ."

AN EMERGING DANGER TO THE NATION: RULE BY BUREAUCRATS

By Bureaucratic Rule: Public Funds Shall be Used to Fund Abortions

By now, the reader is well-aware of the massive amount of discretionary authority that ObamaCare has extended to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, a bureaucrat, in regard to that law.

The common perception is that, under ObamaCare law, abortions must be paid for by public funds, even if contrary to religious liberty interests. But Columnist Betsy McCaughey points out that, contrary to the general perception, that practice (now under legal challenge) was not *specifically* mandated by Congress law, it was, instead, a bureaucratic rule. States McCaughey: "President Obama and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said all plans must cover birth control."

McCaughey then observes that future administrations can change a bureaucratic mandate, and wonders why women's rights groups have not objected to leaving this matter to the whim of whomever occupies the White House. She then proceeds to answer her own question: If that mandate had been specified in the law as proposed, the law probably would not have passed. Passage of ObamaCare was that tenuous. Providing some validation of McCaughey's conclusion is the fact that in 2009, in a joint session of Congress, Obama made a commitment as dependable as others he has famously made, saying, "Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions."

NOTES ON THE PASSING SCENE

(Some random observations on this crazy world in which we live)

Detroit Police Chief to Citizens: "Arm Yourselves." Detroit, in addition to having defaulted on its debt and having lost much of its population and its economic base, has a reputation as being one of the most lawless cities in the America with plenty of gun violence. It may therefore seem a bit unorthodox for the police chief, James Craig, in a super liberal city, admonishing law-abiding folks: "Arm yourselves, and criminals will think twice about attacking you."

There had been a conversion in the thinking of the chief. When he began his career some 28 years ago, he tended to agree with Los Angeles' tight control over concealed carry permits, believing fewer guns would lead to fewer crimes. But when he moved to Portland, Maine in 2009 to serve as the city's new police chief, he discovered a different culture – one where guns actually made people safer.

Craig explains his conversion: "Coming from California, where it takes an act of Congress to get a concealed weapon permit, I got to Maine, where they give out lots of [carrying concealed weapon permits], and I had a stack of permits I was denying; that was my orientation." Then he added: "I changed my orientation real quick. Maine is one of the safest places in America. Clearly, suspects knew that good Americans were armed."

Gay Rights Activists Experience Both Gains and Setbacks. "While gay-rights activists celebrate gains in much of the world, their setbacks have been equally far-flung," says a group of Associated Press writers.

Globally, the contrasts are striking. Sixteen countries have legalized same-sex marriage nation-wide, including Canada, South Africa, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and New Zealand as well as 10 European nations, and gay marriage is legal in part of the U. S. and Mexico. Yet at least 76 countries retain laws criminalizing gay sex, including five where it's punishable by death.

IRS Harassment Continues. In July 2010, Catherine Engelbrecht sought tax-exempt status for her Tea Party group. What followed was a litany of harassment that sounds like something you might expect from Cuba: Six FBI domestic terrorism inquiries, two IRS audits of her personal finances, and an inspection of her firm by the Bureau of ATF. Finally, there was a Labor Department inspection for possible OSHA violations.

But now she has slapped the Department of Justice with a lawsuit seeking \$85,000 in damages.