

BEXAR COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

General Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Guest Speaker

The Honorable Dale Wainwright
Justice, Texas Supreme Court

Sonterra Country Club
Friday, October 24, 2008
11:00 am

RSVP by noon, Monday, October 20
To Carol Kraft, 492-2176

\$20.00

OUR SPEAKER: TEXAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DALE WAINWRIGHT

Justice Wainwright's legal scholarship, integrity and conservative judicial philosophy has earned him the respect of all Texans. In 1999, he was appointed to a District Court bench in Harris County by then Governor Bush. After only two years as a district judge, Governor Rick Perry appointed Justice Wainwright to a six-month temporary commission on the Texas Supreme Court. Then in 2002, in an historic election, Justice Dale Wainwright became the first non-incumbent African American in the history of Texas elected to the Texas Supreme Court. Justice Wainwright has accomplished several other "firsts" in his life. He was the first African American to graduate valedictorian from his high school. As a young lawyer, he was elected to be the first African American president in the 60 year history of the 2,000 member Houston young lawyers bar association. He was the first member of his family to become a lawyer and to become a judge.

Justice Wainwright has a history of public service. He served on the board of directors of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program which provides free legal services to persons who cannot afford them. Some 15 years ago, he co-founded the Aspiring Youth Program in Houston, which has expanded to 11 states and is now a national program that assists at-risk, inner-city youth. In 1999, the Houston Lawyers Association presented him with the outstanding lawyer award. Justice Wainwright has an impressive academic background. He graduated from Howard University (summa cum laude) in 1983 and earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1988. He studied at the London School of Economics in Great Britain in 1981 as the Luard Scholar. Justice Wainwright and his wife, Debbie, have three sons.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Change is in the air. While the weather is changing and cooling off a bit, the race for the White House is heating up. It seems that one thing our presidential candidates can agree on is the need for change in our country. Citing a fragile economy, the energy crisis, environmental concerns and the war in Iraq, both **Senator McCain** and Senator Obama promise to bring change to Washington. **Senator McCain** has a well-proven track record of being a "Maverick of Reform", while Obama's main claim to fame is that he has been running for President since first being elected to the Senate three years ago.

The following is a quote from **Karl Rove**: “Although **Senator McCain** leads in the Lone Star state, it is important we Texas Republicans get as strong a victory as possible in November for the **McCain-Palin** ticket. It will help us expand our numbers in the Legislature, get our mojo back and demonstrate the GOP is the natural majority party in Texas.” Karl Rove has a new website. If you would like to get occasional emails with information on his upcoming media appearances, copies of his columns, and news about his speeches, visit www.Rove.com to sign up.

Senator John Cornyn also has a new web site aimed at helping ensure overseas U.S. military service members' ballots are counted. The site (www.Texasmilitaryvote.com) provides useful assistance on how to register to vote, request an absentee ballot and vote by mail. Please let your family and friends in the military know about this important web site.

The entire Bexar County delegation to the Republican National Convention, including Polly Hodge and me along with BCRW associate member, Marian Stanko, had a wonderful time in Minneapolis/St Paul. Polly has written a separate article on her impression/experience at the convention.

During **Governor Sarah Palin's** visit to San Antonio on October 3, several of our BCRW members were in the welcoming or departure parties. Virginia Alexander, Polly Anderson and Charlotte Canaday welcomed **Sarah**, her family, and **Governor Rick Perry and Anita Perry** to San Antonio while Carol Van De Walle and associate member, Marian Stanko, were at the airport to say good bye to our future Vice President. In the meanwhile, I was at the Marriott Rivercenter reception for **Sarah Palin**. The program was opened with **Vikki Carr**, a long-time **Senator McCain** supporter, singing *America*. **Governor Perry** introduce **Governor Palin**. On stage during **Sarah Palin's** speech were her family, **Rick and Anita Perry** and **actor Robert Duvall and his wife**. Attendees at the reception were from Austin all the way to the Valley. It was great to see not only our current TFRW president, Toni Anne Dashiell but also a former TFRW president, Jan Kennedy, from New Braunfels. Numerous elected officials from throughout Texas attended.

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POLLY'S CONVENTION MEMORIES

I have been asked to write about my trip to the convention in Minneapolis/St Paul. I am a better talker than writer, but here goes.

Leaving San Antonio in near 100 degree weather, worrying about getting everything you need in one bag, going through security, we made it to St Paul.

The Texas delegation was booked into a great hotel and those in charge had everything waiting for us - shirts to wear every session and a cowboy hat. Everybody loved us - said we seemed to have more fun and wished their delegations would do the same.

What was on everyone's mind was the hurricane in the Gulf, our governor and all the governors in the coastal states had to stay home. Would we have to cancel our convention? It would have made the Democrats happy.

The first session took care of the business of the convention. Laura Bush was one of the speakers (She addressed the Texas delegation at breakfast our first day). She will be the role model for all First Ladies to come. We learned the hurricane was not as bad as expected. It was a go for our convention.

By the second session, we learned who Senator McCain had chosen as his running mate. My first reaction was WHO!!!! I knew Alaska had a woman governor but was not well read enough to know anything about her.

When he introduced her on TV, it was love at first sight.

Electricity ran through our convention and after she spoke on Wednesday night, we knew we had a winner-- McCain and Palin.

I cannot explain how it felt witnessing the joy of having been there when every delegate joined in welcoming Sarah to our ticket.

We got to know a smiling and happy John McCain and his lovely wife, Cindy, and Sarah Palin and their families. We fell in love with Sarah's little ones.

With the slogan "Country First", we returned home to find everyone as happy as we were and ready to go to work. We have a winning team that is good for our country. Let's work hard and get out the vote!

EXPRESS-NEWS ENDORSEMENTS

Congratulation to BCRW associate member and candidate for Bexar County sheriff, Dennis McKnight, on receiving the endorsement by the San Antonio Express-News. We expect our local newspaper to endorse many of our Republican candidates in the coming days.

BARBARA BUSH LITERACY LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE - Dora Copeland

The book drive will continue at our October 24 luncheon meeting. BCRW will give the books to the San Antonio Young Women's Leadership Academy. This new school in SAISD opened on August 25, 2008 as San Antonio's first all girls public school. Its core values are centered leadership, health and wellness, and college preparation. The list of desired books is long. It includes many classics, including works by Shakespeare, the Bronte Sisters, Louisa May Alcott, John Steinbeck, and J.K. Rowlings. Please support the BBL book drive by bringing new or gently used books to our October meeting.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BEXAR COUNTY ANNUAL BARBECUE

The annual BCRP fundraiser barbecue will be on Sunday afternoon, October 19, at Aggie Park, beginning at 4 PM. County Commissioner and 23rd Congressional District candidate, Lyle Larson, is the guest speaker. You can expect all our local Republican elected officials and candidates to attend this extremely popular event. BCRW is assisting with the wine service. Judy Kincaide is our project officer. Call Judy to volunteer. Make sure you attend to support our Republican Headquarters and our slate of Republican candidates.

THE NATIONAL INTREPID CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

In 2006, BCRW supported the Center for the Intrepid at Ft Sam Houston by donating silent auction contributions to this essential facility. The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund has announced its newest project, the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), an advanced facility dedicated to research, diagnosis and treatment of military personnel and veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health issues. Hundreds of thousands of veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts suffer some form of TBI. NICoE will meet this need head-on. The 72,000 square foot facility is being built at the Navy campus at Bethesda, Maryland, and will provide cutting-edge medical services. To support this effort, send your contribution to:

Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund

One Intrepid Square
West 46th St & 12th Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Imagine the Media's Reaction if a Republican Said Any One of These...

By Denise McNamara, Texas National Committeewoman, on Obama comments

"I've now been in 57 states, I think, one left to go."

"Ten thousand people died-an entire town destroyed." following a tornado in Kansas. Actually, only 12 persons died.

"The President of Canada..." Canada has a Prime Minister.

"My parents got together because of what happened in Selma.", marking the anniversary of the March 1965 "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, AL. Obama was born in 1961.

"Thank you Sioux City - I said it wrong. I've been in Iowa for too long.." while campaigning in in Sioux Falls, SD.

"We only have a certain number of them, and if they are all in Iraq, then it's harder for us to use them in Afghanistan." Obama decrying the lack of translators in Afghanistan. The problem is Iraqis speak Arabic or Kurdish. The Afghans speak Pashto, Farsi or other non-Arabic languages.

"Iran doesn't pose a serious threat to us." Obama stating that "tiny countries" with small defense budgets cannot do us harm.