

# Thurston County

# Women's Republican Club

August 2009

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Ladies,

Our July meeting was a huge success. We had 22 candidates that spoke – I believe that might have been a record. Although we did not have the candidates at our annual picnic this year, it was a great turnout. If you missed this meeting, feel free to contact another member to find out what they had to say. Most of the positions on the ballot this year are nonpartisan, so we invited all candidates. We were able to hear their speeches and spend some time with them to learn more about what their agenda is. It was a very informative meeting. I hope that each and every one of you that attended have been talking to your friends, neighbors and relatives to pass on what you learned. I love educated voters!!!! The races on the ballot this year are very important and affect the everyday lives of each and every one of us. These positions also affect the communities we live in and how they will grow. Keep passing on the information.

We are getting closer and closer to September. And yes, that is when we need to have collected our books for Hawks Prairie Head Start. Our club will take the books over in September for their 2009 – 2010 school year and present them to the children. Just one book can make a difference in child's life. Remember "Readers become Leaders." You can bring your books to any meeting. Used or new, all books are welcome.

Please join our club meeting on August 11 for another great program. We will have Sen. Randi Becker from the 2nd Legislative District. She will be bringing us up-to-date on the Legislature and what it is like to be the newest elected female at the State Capitol.

And as I always say, "Invite your friends to this meeting so they can hear all the great information we have."

*Shannon*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**AUGUST 3** – TCWRC Board Meeting, Monday, 11:30 am at Panorama City.

**AUGUST 7** – Pat Beehler for Thurston

County Commissioner campaign event, Friday, 6:30 pm at the home of Milly Rice, 3908 Legacy Dr NE in Olympia, RSVP to Milly Rice, 259-0559 or rice.milly@comcast.net.

**AUGUST 11** – Lacey City Councilman John Darby's reelection campaign kickoff breakfast, Tuesday, 7 am at the

St. Martin's Worthington Center.

**AUGUST 11** – TCWRC luncheon with guest speaker Sen. Randi Becker, Tuesday, 11:30 am at the Hawks Prairie Restaurant.

**AUGUST 18** – Primary Day

**AUGUST 31** – TCWRC Board Meeting, Monday, 11:30 am at Panorama City.

**SEPTEMBER 8** – TCWRC luncheon with guest speaker Jan Walsh, State Librarian, Tuesday, 11:30 am at the Hawks Prairie Restaurant.

## QUOTES & INSPIRATIONAL STATEMENTS

**Founding Fathers' Quotes brought to you by Roxana Muise.**

*"Those who would give essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."*

**- Benjamin Franklin**

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**"GLOBAL WARMING" AND "SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS" BY JOEL SIEGEL**

During the 2007 holiday season, Seattle Mayor Nickels, in a presentation to grade school children, told them Santa may not come sometime in the future if we don't do something about Global Warming – as it will cause flooding due to rising sea levels, and prevent Santa from showing up. Putting aside this ominous lockstep preaching to children, what the mayor was basing his opinion on is a term widely used called "scientific consensus." Normally intended to imply established scientific principal, it also bears the more negative connotation of acceptance of scientific theory as established fact. If there was ever an example of runaway scientific consensus, global warming is it.

Widely published data show that the earth has warmed about .08 degrees centigrade in the last century, resulting in three questions:

1. Does global warming exist?
2. If it does are humans the cause?
3. If it does, what can we do about it?

An international survey of climate scientists revealed intriguing answers.

- Regarding question one: when asked "how much has the uncertainty regarding climate change been reduced over the last 10 years," only 8.3 percent responded that uncertainty on continued warming has been reduced by a significant amount.
- On question two: more scientists "strongly disagreed" than "strongly agreed" that climate change is the result of human activity.
- On question three: a panel of eight economists including four Nobel Prize winners reviewed this issue in 2004. They rank-ordered the results of return on spending on 17 "challenge areas" to global society, in other words, bang for the buck. At the top rated "Very Good," was preventing/treating AIDS, improving dietary supplement availability, trade liberalization, and preventing malaria. The bottom

three, rated "Poor," were areas related to spending on global warming involving carbon taxes and Kyoto protocol. (This concept is explained in detail in distinguished economist Bjorn Lomborg's book, "The Skeptical Environmentalist.")

In other words, even if global warming truly exists, and if it is the result of man made causes, our efforts still are far better spent on other issues for our overall benefit.

According to Patrick Michaels, senior fellow in environmental studies at the Cato Institute, for those who subscribe to calamity theory such as massive sea level rise, the evidence doesn't support the claim. He states that Al Gore's prediction of a 20 foot sea level rise, based on melting of the Greenland ice cap, exceeds by approximately 2,000 percent the now already superseded U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) prediction of 8 to 17 inches in the year 2100. I say superseded, as Science magazine reported in November 2005, that Greenland's ice loss, one of the bases for the IPCC's sea level rise prediction, was .04 per century, preceding the same magazine's report in February 2007 explaining that the recent acceleration of ice loss has reversed. (Additionally, the 17 inch figure is already 30 percent lower than the same panel's 2001 prediction.)

Mr. Michaels goes on to explain that: "The Kyoto Protocol, if fulfilled by every signatory, would reduce global warming by 0.07 degrees Celsius per half-century. That's too small to measure, because the earth's temperature varies by more than that from year to year."

So, before anyone I haven't yet convinced that this is a debatable issue fires up Google and types in

"proof of global warming," here are a couple questions: With just as many scientists/Nobel Prize winners doubting the current hysteria, as those who advocate massive human intervention to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> levels, should we be taking the current "scientific consensus" for granted? Given this controversy, should we risk demanding massive spending on CO<sub>2</sub> level reduction at the expense of eradicating diseases such as AIDS and malaria, when spending on the latter would have so much more potential to yield benefits to mankind?

Lastly, why has the mainstream media almost solely adopted such a one-sided viewpoint given the current controversy about the issue by leading experts in Meteorology and Atmospheric Studies? (Well, if this sounds like a rhetorical question that's because it is, and I'm guessing you've figured out where I'm going with this.) Hyperbole makes good press, and at the same time advances an anti-capitalist agenda. Given that the Bush Administration (as did the Senate under President Clinton) rejected the Kyoto Protocols, I'm not surprised to see most big city newspapers jump on this bandwagon.

I close with two quotes from John Christy of the U.N.'s IPCC, co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, with (and not a great fan of) Al Gore: "As a scientist...I always thought that ...prizes were given for performance and not promotional activities," and, "For example, I suppose that CNN did not announce two weeks ago that the Antarctic sea ice extent reached its all-time maximum, even though the Arctic reached its all-time minimum."

So back to Mayor Nickels: Scaring and brainwashing children to serve the left's anti-capitalist ideology? You decide.

P.S. – I welcome questions, debates, comments, criticisms and catcalls on my articles!

Contact Joel at [jbod@comcast.net](mailto:jbod@comcast.net).

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**2009 - 2010 PROGRAMS**

**October:** Local candidates

**November:** Annual business meeting, election of 2010 officers, and presentation by Bobbie Hubbard on the history of NFRW

**December:** Annual Christmas Luncheon at Indian Summer

**January:** Sally Taylor, National Federation of Republican Women 2009 Convention

**WFRW EVENTS**

**October 30-31:** Fall meeting of WFRW Board of Directors in Leavenworth

**April 16-17, 2010:** Spring meeting of WFRW Board of Directors in central or eastern Washington (location to be determined)

**November 19-20, 2010:** Fall meeting of WFRW Board of Directors and WFRW Biennial Convention in western Washington (location to be determined)

**WOMEN REPUBLICAN FIRSTS**



**1984 - Janet McCoy** became the first woman high commissioner of the U.S. Trust Territories.

**1984 - Faith Evans** of Hawaii was the first woman appointed U.S. Marshall.

**1986 -** The first woman and the first Republican elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Hawaii, and the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress, was **Pat Saiki**.

**1986 -** The first time in history five Republican women received the party nomination for governor – **Kay Orr** of Nebraska, **Julie Belaga** of Connecticut, **Norma Paulus** of Oregon, **Arliss Sturgelewski** of Alaska, and **Patty Cafferata** of Nevada.

**1986 -** The first Republican woman elected governor was **Kay Orr** of Nebraska.

**1987 -** In his two terms, President Reagan selected women for more than 1,400 high-level, policy-making positions.

**1989-1992 -** President George Bush appointed approximately 2,500 women to high-level positions, including Surgeon General **Antonia C. Novello**, Secretary of Labor **Elizabeth Dole**, Secretary of Transportation **Lynn Martin**, Secretary of Commerce **Barbara Franklin** and U.S. Trade Representative **Carla Hills**.

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

**READERS BECOME LEADERS**



This year the Thurston County Women's Republican

Club is collecting new books to donate to Head Start of Hawks Prairie. We will be collecting them through August, and then in September we will present them to the students and staff at the beginning of their 2009-2010 school year.

You can bring your books to any meeting or contact Shannon Vernon directly at 493-0543 or vernondj@comcast.net and she will collect them. For a list of recommended books, visit TCWRC.com.

**YWCA CLEANING SUPPLIES**

The Women's Republican Club continues to make donations to the Other Bank a high priority. Donations help families who cannot get fundamental house cleaning and hygiene items at the local food bank. The Other Bank no longer accepts donations of clothing items.

Simply bring your donations to the next meeting of the Women's Republican Club and Debbie Koepp, our community service chair, will ensure the items make it to the Other Bank. The Other Bank asks for the following items:

- Dishwashing soap
- Sponges
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Kitchen cleaner

Personal hygiene items are always welcome.

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**Program:** Sen. Randi Becker

**Date:** Tuesday, August 11

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Hawks Prairie Restaurant  
8306 Quinault Drive NE in Olympia  
(Exit 111: Just off I-5 at Marvin Rd NE)

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