

# Thurston County

# Women's Republican Club

January 2010

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Ladies,

First I want to thank Shannon for her wonderful leadership and I hope everyone gives her a nice thank you for her service next time you see her. I am grateful also to know what a great team I have supporting me and thank everyone for stepping "up to the plate" to volunteer. Patsy is still looking to pass on her treasurer duties, so if you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to tell Patsy Excell or me.

Unlike our illustrious President of the United States, I don't see our organization as needing "change". During the past year, we listened to great speakers; raised money and awareness for organizations like Head Start and the food bank; and added several new members. Why fix something that isn't broke.

What I would like to see is our club to grow even more. Yes, we have many great individuals of all ages, each whom have talents to share, but every organization needs growth to sustain it. We need to tell our friends, sisters, mothers, daughters, aunts, cousins, everyone we know, what the club has to offer – because we are not just "the grass roots" of the Republican Party, but more and more we are the candidates of the Republican Party. Dani did an exemplary job of recruiting – who will beat her this next year?

Beyond growth we need involvement. We have several committees, all which need someone to chair and members to participate. At the next meeting you attend I challenge you to ask the person next to you how they contribute. Our Christmas lunch was a fabulous example of committee work; kudos to Bobbie and Raquel who organized such great fun.

I look forward to serving as your President for the next year, and please have patience with me – I have big shoes to fill!

*Darcy*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**JANUARY 4** – TCWRC Board Meeting, Monday, 11:30 am at Panorama City.

**JANUARY 12** – TCWRC luncheon,

installation of 2010 officers, and guest speaker Andrew Barkis regarding the school levy proposal, Tuesday, 11:30am at the Hawks Prairie Restaurant, 8306 Quinault Drive NE in Olympia.

**FEBRUARY 1** – TCWRC Board Meeting, Monday, 11:30 am at Panorama City.

**FEBRUARY 8** – TCWRC Luncheon with Legislators at the Capitol Building in Olympia. (Note: this is on a Monday.) To sign up, visit [www.wfrw.org/day\\_at\\_capitol\\_agenda.htm](http://www.wfrw.org/day_at_capitol_agenda.htm)

**FEBRUARY 12** – TCRP Lincoln Day Dinner, Friday, 6:00 pm at St. Martin's Pavilion, 5300 Pacific Ave SE in Lacey.

**MARCH 1** – TCWRC Board Meeting, Monday, 11:30 am at Panorama City.

## OFFICERS

President.....Darcy Eggeman  
Vice President.....Becky Callon  
Vice President.....Debbie Koepp  
Secretary.....Lisa Barkis  
Treasurer.....Patsy Excell

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Americanism.....Bobbie Hubbard  
Community Service.....Debbie Koepp  
Fundraising.....Kathryn DeJesus  
Historian.....Reta Alberti  
Membership.....Darcy Eggeman  
Public Relations.....Tami Davis

## MEMBERS

Jean Abbey • Rita Alberti • Daniela Anderson • Ruth Barber • Lisa Barkis • Becky Callon • Raquel Capestany • Judy Carlson • Janice Donovan • Darcy Eggeman • Patsy Excell • Verna Florov • Eve Frietas • Norma Frey • Marian Hale • Effie Henkle • Joan Houchen • Bobbie Hubbard • Mary Ingalls • Debbie Koepp • Joyce Krajeski • AJ Lewis • Caroline Manger • Denise Marchese • Nancy Morris • Roxana Muise • Carol Perez • Karen Peterson • Linda Peterson • Lisa Porsche • Peggy Ritchey • Paula Rohr • Jane Slach • Teresa Spahr • Ruth Springer • Jean Stephenson • Debra Swift • Anita Turcotte • Shannon Vernon • Kim Wyman

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Frank Alberti • Jack Barber • Pat Beehler • John Henkle • Ken Jones • Randy Rappe • Ken Ritchey • Frances Postma • James Postma

**"UNIVERSAL LAWS OF LEADERSHIP"**

By William A. Cohen, Ph,D

**1. Maintain Absolute Integrity  
What is Integrity?**

What exactly is this quality which is so universally prized among leaders who lead others under the most demanding of circumstances in combat or in business? In simple terms, integrity means adherence to a set of values which incorporates honesty and freedom from deception. But it is more than honesty. It means doing the right thing regardless of circumstances or benefits to the leader or for the organization.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The annual Christmas Luncheon and toy drive for Yelm Community Services was held December 8th at the Indian Summer Golf & Country Club. Lunch was excellent as always. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment by the Capitol High School Chamber Choir. We'd like to thank Bobbie Hubbard and Raquel Capestany for all their hard work. We'd also like to thank everyone for the generous toy donations!

Visit the Washington Federation Republican Women website at [www.wfrw.org](http://www.wfrw.org).

**JANUARY MEETING SPEAKER**

**Andrew Barkis**, co-owner of Hometown Property Manager, has been very active in our community. He is the past President of the Lacey Chamber of Commerce as well as the President of the Lacey Sunrise Lions. He has always been very volunteer oriented, starting with the Relay for Life as a Lion, and as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts. He will be speaking at our January meeting about the upcoming school levy for North Thurston. Andrew is very knowledgeable and will be able to answer our questions while making a case for the levy. Please mark the date!

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

**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
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- toothfloss
- toilet paper
- tampons

**APPLICATION TO JOIN TCWRC**

to the Washington State Federation of Republican Women, which then sends \$10 of your dues to the National Federation of Republican Women. Men can now join as associate members for only \$10 per year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Send payments to:** Thurston County Women's Republican Club,  
PO Box 2711, Olympia, WA 98507

2010 dues are only \$25. Of that, \$10 is used by the local club, and \$15 must be forwarded

I included my dues check for \$25 (or \$10) made out to TCWRC.

I also included a donation to help pay printing and postage costs for the newsletter.

I prefer to receive my newsletter via email and have included my email address on the form.

## WFRW EVENTS

**April 23-24, 2010:** Spring meeting of WFRW Board of Directors at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan.

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

The Sky's The Limit...

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## Poem of Gratitude

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,  
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,

My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,

Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,  
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,

Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.

In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,

So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,

But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.

Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,

Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,

And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,

A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,

Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.

Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,

Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,

"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!

Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,

You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,

Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light

Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,

That separates you from the darkest of times.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me,

I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"

Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam ,

And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,

But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,

The red, white, and blue... an American flag.

I can live through the cold and the being alone,

Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,

I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another,

Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..

Who stand at the front against any and all,

To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

" So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,

Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,

"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?"

It seems all too little for all that you've done,

For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,

"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.

To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,

To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,

To know you remember we fought and we bled,

Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,

That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

## **January Meeting**

**Program: Installation of 2010 Officers and Andrew Barkis on School Levy**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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

**Where:** Hawks Prairie Restaurant

8306 Quinault Dr NE in Olympia

(Exit 111: Just off I-5 at Marvin Rd NE)

**THE MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH BOARD MEETING IS AT PANORAMA CITY**