



# The PARW Happenings

Newsletter for the Pearland Area Republican Women

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### **Remembrances**

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### **Voter Registration**

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### **Voter Awareness**

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## ***New Website***

We are happy to announce our new website. Please take a look at it when you have the time and be sure to save it in your favorites folder! The new website address is [www.pearlandrw.com](http://www.pearlandrw.com).

## ***A Note from the President***

For those of you not familiar with the history of the PARW, here is a bit of information. The Pearland Area Republican Women's Club was chartered on March 1, 1986. Martha Otto was elected as the 1st Vice President along with Susan Elam as the 1st Treasurer on March 17, 1986. Both Martha and Susan are current and charter members. Also, Jo Knight is a current and charter member of our organization. In every National election since 1986 the Republican Women of Pearland have secured and manned a Republican headquarters in Pearland.

## ***Legislative Updates from the desk of Judy Shrum***

The biggest news for Texas and our country is the 37 page bill U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison has filed to delay the shuttle's planned retirement in 2010 until NASA is confident that a replacement spacecraft is ready or that the shuttle and its massive payload bay is no longer needed to keep the International Space Station afloat through 2020. This bill would also create a Flight Certification Review Committee that would assess needs to be done in order to fly the shuttle for an additional five years.

As a side line there was an article in the Houston Chronicle written by Walter Cunningham (He piloted the first manned Apollo mission in 1968) dated 2/27/10. Today there is no realistic successor for human spaceflight waiting in the wings. Many countries are working toward landing a man on the moon but that will not help the International Space Station now. He also stated in the place of the canceled Ares and Orion hardware, we now have increased support for education, increased spending on the discredited global warming hypocrisy and subsidies to the several new commercial rocket companies and oh yes, don't forget a new outreach program to Muslim countries without established space programs.

The next update is the Social Studies/American Exceptionalism/Christmas Issue Starts its Next Round Next Week, March 10-12 : The elected, 15 member State Board of Education , will take up the Social Studies issue again. The hearings, debates, and official votes will take place March 10-12. The SBOE voted to keep Christmas in, to put Neil Armstrong back in, Columbus and more. The Liberty Institute/Free Market Foundation will also be working on other important Social Studies issues that still have not received an initial vote, including areas related to religious heritage, faith of our Founding Fathers, and founding documents.

## ***Congratulations to Linda Starkenburg!***

Linda Starkenburg was awarded a plaque at the Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner by the Brazoria County Republican Executive Committee. Her plaque reads as follows, "Republican Hall of Honor Membership is conferred upon Linda Starkenburg for outstanding leadership, dedication, and service in the growth and success of the Republican Party in Brazoria County, Texas." Dated February 19, 2010. Way to go Linda!

## 'Souper' Saturday 2010 Fundraiser was a Super Success

To all the candidates, elected officials, those who attended, the great cooks and volunteers - a great big THANKS for your support of PARW.

- 'Souper Saturday Committee

### **Membership Update**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 2010</u>
Regular Members	56	44
Dual Associates	10	15
Junior Affiliates	2	3
Men Associate	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>103</b>

### **Calendar of Events**

<u>Date of meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>
Tues., Apr. 20, 2010	Church of Christ 2217 N. Grand Pearland, TX 77581	6:30pm	Candidate Forum
Tues., May 18, 2010	Church of Christ 2217 N. Grand Pearland, TX 77581	6:30pm	Salute to our Military
June	<b><i>No Meeting</i></b>	-----	Enjoy your Summer!
July	<b><i>No Meeting</i></b>	-----	Enjoy your Summer!
Tues., Aug. 17, 2010	Church of Christ 2217 N. Grand Pearland, TX 77581	6:30pm	Social and Membership Drive