

The Rose Review



The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women

President's Message

October will be the busiest month this club has ever faced, one of the busiest months the Republican party has ever faced! We have one month remaining to push, and push, and push to get people out to the polls...even less time for early voting. Because this is one of the most important elections our country has ever faced, every citizen needs to plan on exercising their constitutional right to vote. Have you checked with your family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers to ensure they know details about voting early. Are you asking everyone you know if they will be voting? If you aren't, please do this FAST! Early voting begins October 18 and runs through October 29 with multiple locations available both in Harris and



Montgomery counties. Our web site has the sample ballots so encourage them to go take a look and get familiar with the ballot they will be using. Let's help the country to get back on track and GOTV (get out the vote!) Across the United States millions of voters will cast ballots for 435 House seats and 37 of 100 Senate seats, while 37 states will elect governors. Voters also will decide on various ballot initiatives. Let's be a strong force in this historical time and be a positive message to bring back America's core values and elect decent, ethical people to look out for and protect those values. If you think you need some material to support the need to GOTV, check out some of the democrat's web sites. Better still, go look at some of the more radical groups like moveon.org. If you aren't scared now, you certainly will be after you read information on those sites. The more we have in numbers, the louder our voice will be. Take it from Obama....YES WE CAN....GET RID OF THE DEMS!!

Hans Ambrosia's Biography

Hans Ambrosia is a committed and dedicated supporter of Texans for Lawsuit Reform and an active advocate for civil justice reform. Hans has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Sam Houston State University.

Hans' background is in construction, commercial insurance and personal financial services. He is founder of Amicus Funding Partners and currently does business development work in the Oil & Gas industry.

His experience in construction, insurance, oil & gas, and finance has provided him

the opportunity to see firsthand the effect of lawsuit abuse and conversely the effect of successful tort reform legislation.

In addition to his involvement with TLR, his civic activities have included serving as a volunteer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, American Hope and his church.

Hans has also serves on Montgomery County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Hans lives in Spring. He is married with three children.

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General Meeting

WEDNESDAY

October 13., 2010

At

Los Toros
Mexican Grill

701 E. Main St

Tomball, Texas

6:30 p.m. &

Featuring
Guest Speaker

Hans Ambrosia

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Of The People, By The People, For The People

Border Security

As I predicted in 2006, we indeed have a war on our southern border. Cartels are controlling the flow of illegal drugs into the U.S., and weapons and cash into Mexico. They kill anyone that gets in their way – including police officers and elected officials. It is a multi-billion dollar business. As the violence increasingly spills onto U.S. soil, it is imperative that we substantially increase the resources of our Border Patrol and Border Sheriffs.

America's borders are also our nation's last line of defense in the War on Terror and they must be secured. Evidence in our 2006 report that terrorists want to exploit our porous borders to gain entry into the United States still exists today. It is for that reason alone America must make securing our borders the top priority. America has a right and, more importantly, a responsibility to determine who enters our nation and for what reasons. While reform of our legal immigration system is needed, I believe we must first secure our borders to stem the flow of illegal traffic before we begin debate on a temporary guest worker program.

We must also work to better enforce our current immigration laws. We must expedite the deportation of illegal immigrants who commit other crimes in our communities. I continue to work to improve the relationship between Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement across our district. Greater resources are needed to provide voluntary training to police and sheriff's departments so that they can detain illegal immigrants and start the deportation process.

Economy

The economy continues to be our nation's primary challenge. There is no doubt that something needs to be done to rebuild our nation's economic engines. But history has proven that we cannot spend, borrow, and tax our way to prosperity.

Giving away your hard-earned tax dollars to companies that made poor and often unethical business decisions, and spending your money on pork projects that don't create jobs only serves to grow our national debt. Economists share my concern that we are headed toward hyperinflation: prices will go up, the value of the dollar will decline, and interest rates on credit cards and mortgages will skyrocket. If we continue down this path, it appears that our children will be worse off than we are or their grandparents were. It's not supposed to be this way.

I support a budget plan that will move Americans toward prosperity without spending record amounts of taxpayer dollars and without increasing the tax burden on families and businesses. Especially during a recession, our priority should be to help businesses succeed by creating a business-friendly environment with reasonable tax burdens and responsible regulations that won't stifle job creation. Minimizing the tax burden on families will allow them greater flexibility to make ends meet. Lowering the Capital Gains tax will encourage private investment in our financial markets.

At the beginning of 2008, I stopped requesting earmarks. Earmarks are valuable tools for our communities, but the system is susceptible to waste, fraud, and abuse. I have asked the Democratic leadership to make the earmark process transparent

for every American to see. *The system should be 100% transparent as to the sponsor and recipient and subject to an up or down vote in the House.* Until that happens, I continue to ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me and not take part in the system.

I will continue to stand up for your tax dollars and cast my votes in favor of economic prosperity.

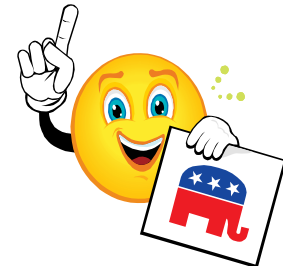
War on Terror

While I believe that we have become a safer nation since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, America and Americans continue to be targets of terrorist groups. Having succeeded in stabilizing Iraq, we must focus our efforts on the Tribal Areas of Pakistan, along the Afghanistan border. This is where al Qaeda and the Taliban have been allowed to reconstitute and continue to plot against the United States. If Osama bin Laden is alive today, this is where he exists.

As Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Intelligence Subcommittee, I am briefed regularly on threats against our nation and its interests abroad. We must continue our vigilance in securing our [borders](#), our critical infrastructure including our ports, and our financial and energy centers. No matter how great our domestic challenges, I believe we must not divert our attention from our highest priority, which is the security and safety of our citizens.

Michael McCaul

US Congressman



Making the Scene....



Rep. Patricia Harless of District 126 speaking at YR September meeting about redistricting



L to R: Vickie Butler-Rindos-President; Brenda Marfin-Social Studies Director of MISD; Becky Clepper-Literacy Chairman delivering 950 Constitutions to Magnolia 5th graders on September 20,2010.



L to R: Betty Reinbeck, Director of TEDC; Sherrie Meicher, District Rep for Michael McCaul; Lyn Bradshaw-Hull, Judge; Mary Lu Wiley, member of YR; and Judy Wilson, Bylaws Chair enjoying the "Community Tea"



Betty Reinbeck, Director of the Tomball Economic & Development Corporation was guest speaker at the "Community Tea"



Ms. Muse from Tomball High School accepting books autographed by speakers from the YR meetings



L to R: background: Lyn Bradshaw-Hull, Judge; Roxy Heffernan, Care for America; Stephanie Williams, Membership



Gayle Stanart from Texas Tea Republican Women getting a cup of tea at the "Community Tea"

October 2010

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Schedule of Events

- **October 6**– Board of Directors Meeting at A Taste of Asia at 5:30p.m.
- **October 13**– General Meeting of YR at Los Toros Mexican Grill located at 701 East Main

Fundraisers and Projects....

By Lisa Townsend & Roxy Heffernan-Chairman

"A Community Tea" sponsored by the YRRWC

A Community Tea was hosted at the Fellowship House of the Tomball Historic Museum Center on North Pine Street on Friday, September 24, 2010 from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. It was a light tea decorated with vases of pink flowers atop white and white lace adorned tables. As guests arrived they exchanged greetings while sipping on a variety of teas, and tasting homemade mini carrot cakes, banana bread, banana nut bread, and tea cake cookies. The Community Tea was the first of its kind for the club and was enjoyed by all.

One guest said, "the tea was a nice way to end the week." Special Guest Speaker was Betty Reinbeck, Executive Director for the Tomball Economic Development Corporation. Guests learned about businesses that have come to Tomball in the last year and about new businesses planning to come in the near future. The Tomball Economic Development Corporation has reimbursable grant opportunities available to local businesses this year for business improvements including new signage, building facades, and property improvements such as landscaping, parking lot resurfacing, striping, driveway improvement, lighting, decorative fencing, pedes

trian oriented streetscape amenities, including street furniture, streetscape plantings, new curb and sidewalk, and related amenities. Ms. Reinbeck shared that as the Executive Director she looks for businesses to come to Tomball that will be good for our community. Also, attending the tea was Sherrie Meicher, representing Congressman Michael McCaul, Judge Brent Gamble (Candidate for re-election to 270th District Court) and wife, Gayle, and the Honorable Lynn Bradshaw-Hull (Candidate for 280th Judicial District Court). Plan to join us at a Community Tea in the future!



General Election Day: November 2, 2010, is less than 30 days away.

Harris County lost 10,000 voting machines, but given the population of the county they barely met their current voting needs. The borrowed voting machines have arrived at Harris County just in time for the November 2, 2010 election.

Don't wait to vote until Election Day! **VOTE EARLY.** Early voting begins October 16- October 29.

MOVE (Military & Overseas Voting Empowerment) deadline was September 17 to mail ballots to all who made requests. Harris County Elections Administration sent out 15,000 ballots going overseas; all were sent by September 16. They have a 45 day period to return the ballot. To qualify for MOVE, they must re-register every election cycle to get the mail ballot.

Our federal government has never collected less taxes than the previous year, even when a tax cut was put into place & our federal government has never spent less than a previous year, even when budgets were cut – no matter which party was in control.

A 2007 Texas House Bill passed a measure to prohibit electronic devices from use in a voting location, with exception of election workers who may use a cell phone to seek information. If a voter receives a phone call or makes a phone call or sends a text message while in the polling room, the election judge can ask they desist. Non compliance may result in a call to security. Best advice: **turn off cell phone prior to entering polling site.**

Oregon does not have traditional polling sites. In 1998 they passed a bill where every registered voter is mailed a ballot two weeks prior to an election, it is returned by mail to be counted on Election Day; results are announced at 8 pm. 84% of Oregon's registered voters voted in this year's Primary Election.

In Texas, contents of ballot boxes from the Primary & Runoff Elections may be destroyed at the end of two years if no contest or criminal investigation has arisen and no open records request filed.

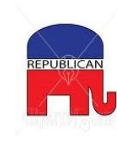
In the near future, technology will have a program with a verifiable system able to insure integrity of each ballot by a PIN to identify a voter's identification registration number for online voting; reducing the number of workers needed for elections.

Most voters profess Ignorance or Apathy – meaning they Don't Know or Don't Care. Make your voice heard – **VOTE.**

Recent Senate Votes

Cloture Motion; National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 - Vote Rejected (56-43, 1 Not Voting)

The Senate rejected a cloture motion to move forward on this bill authorizing



\$726 billion for defense programs in fiscal year 2011. The bill contains provisions repealing a 1993 ban on homosexuals serving openly in the armed forces. The legislation is expected to be considered again in a "lame duck" session after November's election.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison voted **NO**

Sen. John Cornyn voted **NO**

Cloture Motion; Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE) Act - Vote Rejected (59-39, 2 Not Voting)

The Senate again rejected a motion to end debate on campaign finance disclosure legislation. The bill's future is not clear.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison voted **Not Voting**

Sen. John Cornyn voted **NO**

Recent House Votes
Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 - Vote Passed (237-187, 9 Not Voting)

The House passed a bill that would provide for a variety of small-business tax provisions, including a revival of an expired bonus depreciation provision to allow companies to write off assets more quickly. The legislation was sent to the President, who is expected to sign it.

Rep. Michael McCaul voted **NO**

Rep. Kevin Brady voted **NO**

The Yellow Rose in Motion....

Membership Report

By Stephanie Williams

Hurry! Hurry! The clock is ticking!

Many of you are block walking, attending rallies and working in campaign offices. These are perfect places to find new members. Do you have a business card to give to potential members? I encourage each of you to have a Yellow Rose business card to distribute to potential new members. If you do not have a business card then I would encourage you to design a flyer you carry with you to hand to new people. This flyer should have contact information, club meeting dates and time.

Are you **sharing the vision?**

Don't forget to tell these possible new members that now is the time to join. If members join after October 31st their dues count for next year. Although, the club is still responsible for sending TFRW the same amount for each new member, once these ladies join they are more likely to stay members.

Remember: Our goal is 16% new members. We are very close to achieving that goal. So, please get out there and meet new people and tell them about the Yellow Rose of Texas.

Share the Vision; Join the Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women!!



Literacy Chairman Report

By Becky Clepper

Constitutions Delivered

The Yellow Rose delivered 950 Constitutions to Magnolia ISD on September 20, 2010. President Vickie Butler-Rindos and Literacy Chairman, Becky Clepper delivered the Constitutions to the Administration Office of Magnolia ISD to Brenda Marfin, Social Studies Director.

The Constitutions were bought through Liberty Day, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating our youth about the importance of the Constitution.

Thanks to a caring bunch of women of the Yellow Rose students in Magnolia will learn the value of the Declaration of Independence. They will be taught the concepts that our Nation's foundation was built upon.

"To have every child have his/her own Constitution is very powerful," said Social Studies Director, Brenda Marfin.

"This will really help the students learn about the Constitution," said Leslie Schatte, Administrator of Magnolia ISD.

Becky Clepper, Literacy Chairman said, "I hope other clubs and organizations will become involved in the Constitution project. It is a rewarding feeling when you know you have a small part in developing a student's knowledge about the Constitution."

In other news, the Yellow Rose will also give every baby that Dr. Gary DeBaKey delivered in the month of September their first book.

Becky Clepper, Literacy Chair, said, "It is powerful to know that you are a part of a baby's journey in their education."

Campaign Hour Report

By Robbie Fravel

Give Yourself A Hand



The Yellow Rose of Texas RW has been in motion for Republican candidates. They have been block walking, phone banking, stuffing envelopes and writing letters to the editor for local candidates.

The club reported a total of 2,334 volunteer campaign hours for the third quarter. So, Yellow Rose give yourself a big round of applause for all of your hard work!

There are less than 30 days left to work before Victory is OURS!

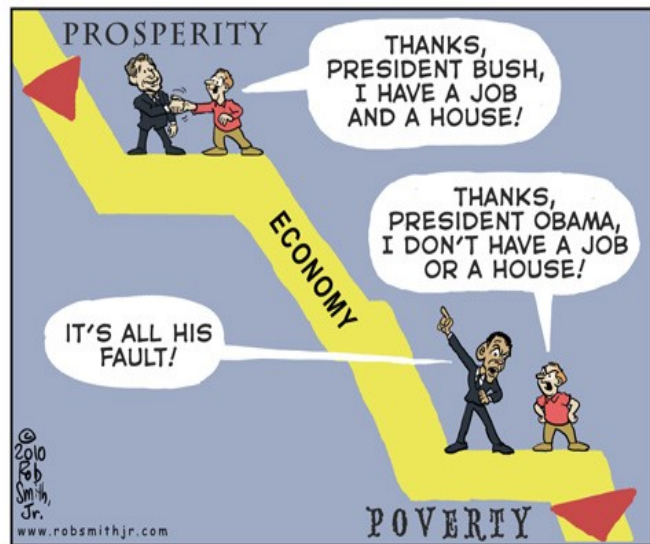
Program Chair Report

By Becky Clepper

The programs for the rest of the year promise to be smashing success! In October, Hans Ambrosia from Texans for Lawsuit Reform will be the guest speaker at the Yellow Rose regular meeting.

Our November program is shaping up to be a marvelous event. Since we will all be weary from campaign work, the Yellow Rose is preparing to have the First Yellow Rose Market Day. This will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Fellowship Hall located at the Spring Creek Historical Museum at 510 North Pine in Tomball. The market will include Spilada Jewelry, Miche Bags, Yellow Rose apparel, Scentsy Candles, an Odd & Ends table and many more. The market will open at 10:00 a.m. to the public until 1:30 p.m. After the market closes the members will meet to elect their officers for the 2011 year. So mark your calendars to attend this fun event and don't forget to bring your wallet!

The Lighter Side...



All cartoons are created by Robert Smith, Jr.

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Costs of Illegal Immigration

The costs of illegal immigration is skyrocketing not only in the United States, but also in Texas. This also includes the Houston Metro area along with Tomball. The amounts that the government have spent on illegal immigration is staggering. The illegals cost more than just dollars and cents to the citizens of Texas, Harris County and Tomball; the lives lost due to crime perpetrated by an illegal can not be measured in dollars and cents. Since 2006 U.S. lives lost each year are eye-opening statistics:

Citizens who lost their lives at the hands of an illegal driving while under the influence are 13/day or 4,745/year. The second area is illegals who committed crimes such as murder since 2006 are 12/day or 4,380/year. The total number of US citizens killed at the hands of illegals are 9,125/year. The total number of US citizens killed at the hands of an illegal since 2006 combined are: 36,500 .

Here is the breakdown of dollars spent :

Food Stamps & School Lunches—2,200,000,000
Incarceration of Illegal Criminals—1,000,000,000
Federal Medicaid —2,500,000,000
U.S. Welfare & Social Services—90,000,000,000
Welfare by States—16,000,000,000
Suppressed American Wages—200,000,000,000

Total \$311,700,000,000

The costs of illegal immigration in Texas are 20,000,000 of 300,000,000 population—Texas Total =\$21,819,000,000 (\$21 Billion, 819 Million). Texas “suppressed wages” losses= \$14,000,000,000 (\$14 Billion)

Costs of Illegal Immigration to Houston Metro Citizens (6,000,000 people) \$5,454,750,000 (\$5 Billion, 454 Million, 750,000 Dollars).

The costs of illegal immigration to Tomball ISD citizens (60,000 people) \$54,547,000 (\$54 Million, 547 thousand dollars).

So ask yourself, “on whose hands is the blood of the more than 90,000 US citizens who were killed by the illegal invasion syndicate over the past ten years?”

1. Is it the Mexican government who promotes illegal immigration?
2. Is it the US who refuses to close the border and enforce laws?
3. Is it the Sanctuary cities and their Mayor and City Council?

You Decide?