



## *Ronald Reagan Republican Women*



### *October Meeting*

**Monday, October 19, 2009**

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. Buffet  
12:00 p.m. Program

**Location:** Doubletree Guest Suites  
5353 Westheimer

**Cost:** \$22.00 lunch buffet / parking included  
\$ 3.00 beverage / parking ticket \$2.00



**Guest Speaker**

**Rand Wall**

**Health Care Reform**

Rand Wall, of Lone Star Health Plans, Ltd. will be speaking about the Obama Health Care Reform MESS and its impact on your insurance.

Rand initiated his insurance career in 1975 as a group insurance specialist with Mutual Benefit Life, and after gaining experience in Estate Planning with Cigna, Rand co-founded Heritage Planning Company in 1981 as an independent insurance broker. Rand is now President and founder of Lone Star Health Plans Ltd., one of the largest employee benefit firms in Texas, with thirteen partners. His areas of expertise include Employee Benefits, Pension (401k) Plans, Business and Estate Planning, Cafeteria Plans, Mutual Funds and Payroll Deduction Products. He is also a registered representative for Woodbury Financial Services.

Rand and Debbie have been married for 30 years, and have two sons.

**Lunch:** We encourage members to eat lunch if possible.

**November Speaker:** State Senator Joan Huffman — District 17

## President's Message—Patricia Henderson

In 1961, President Ronald Wilson Reagan gave a speech regarding healthcare. It is ominous how his words from 48 years ago resonate at this very time in our lives and history. You can listen to his speech by cutting and pasting the following:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRdLpem-AAs>. It's about 10 minutes long but I know you will find it as interesting as I do. Here is some of that speech.....

“One of the traditional methods of imposing statism or socialism on a people has been by way of medicine. It's very easy to disguise a medical program as a humanitarian project. Most people are a little reluctant to oppose anything that suggests medical care for people who possibly can't afford it.

Now, the American people, if you put it to them about socialized medicine and gave them a chance to choose, they would unhesitatingly vote against it. We had an example of this under the Truman administration. It was proposed that we have a compulsory health insurance program for all people in the United States and of course the American people unhesitatingly ejected this. So, with the American people on record as not wanting socialized medicine, Congressman Ferrand introduced the Ferrand Bill. This was the idea that all people of social security age should be brought under the program of compulsory health insurance....”

**President Ronald W. Reagan**

Also from the Inaugural Speech in 1981: “But great as our tax burden is, it has not kept pace with public spending. For decades, we have piled deficit upon deficit, mortgaging our future and our children's future for the temporary convenience of the present. To continue this long trend is to guarantee tremendous social, cultural, political, and economic upheavals...It is no coincidence that our present troubles parallel and are proportionate to the intervention and intrusion in our lives that result from unnecessary and excessive growth of government...We are not, as some would have us believe, doomed to an inevitable decline...I do believe in a fate that will fall on us if we do nothing.”

There will never be another Reagan but with prayer, dedication and hard work, in 2012 we can elect someone with the same principles, ideals and grass roots that the “Grand Old Party” and Republicans have stood for for generations. We have a hard row ahead of us but we are up for the challenge to take our country back.

**Reminder:**

Early Voting is October 19-30. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.

For voter information, log onto [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) or call (713) 755-6738. On this website, you can obtain all of your particular voter information, Early Voting and Election Day locations/times and a sample ballot.



Governor Perry with RRRW ladies:

Linda Tatum, Rajada Fleming,  
Patricia Henderson, and Karen Simmons.



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## RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### 2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the newsletter by E-Mail? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Registration: Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Cong. Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ State Senate Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Full Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 (All women)

Associate Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 (All men)

Please mail this form with your check to: Karen Simmons

3355 Bellefontaine Street

Houston, Texas 77025

Please check any committees that you are interested in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative/Current events

\_\_\_\_\_ Campaign and Volunteers

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising: Plan fundraising events

\_\_\_\_\_ Historian: Compile records of events and activities of members

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: Contact members about pertinent events and any emergencies that may arise

\_\_\_\_\_ Caring For America: Oversee community and national projects

\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach to Young Republicans: Liaison to Young Republican Groups/Clubs

## Explanatory Statements on Constitutional Amendments

### Proposition 1 (HJR 132)

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

### Proposition 2 (HJR 36 - #1)

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

### Proposition 3 (HJR 36 - #3)

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

### Proposition 4 (HJR 14 - #2)

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

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### Proposition 5 (HJR 36 - #2)

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

### Proposition 6 (HJR 116)

HJR 116 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

### Proposition 7 (HJR 127)

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

### Proposition 8 (HJR 7)

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

### Proposition 9 (HJR 102)

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

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### Proposition 10 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

### Proposition 11 (HJR 14 - #1)

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

## Early Voting Times and Locations

October 19th - October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 26th - October 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Main Office:** Harris County Administration Bldg., 1001 Preston, 1st Floor, 77002

**Neartown:** Metropolitan Mutli-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, 77019

**SW. Houston:** Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, 77074

**Near West Side:** Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, 77042

**Spring Branch:** Trini Mendenhall Sosa Comm. Center, 1414 Wirt Road, 77055

**Far W. Houston:** Courtyard by Marriott, 12401 Katy Freeway, 77079

## RRRW Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance August 28, 2009	\$ 6816.50
Total Income	123.29
Total Expenses	210.16
Ending Balance September 30, 2009	\$6729.63

## 1st Lieutenant David Dadd Receives the Bronze Star



**October 4, 2009:** Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Iraq and will be returning home this week. He will be stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

The following is a brief resume of David's career

**2003:** Graduated Texas A&M

**2004:** Served in Iraq with the Coalition Provisional Authority (civilian job)

**2005:** Enlisted in the Army, Specialist in Counter Intelligence

**2006-07:** Served in Korea for a year

**2008:** Graduated OCS, Intelligence Officer

**2008-09:** Served in the Al Kut Province, Iraq, near the Iranian border for a year on a Transition team training the Iraqis

**RRRW Congratulates and Thanks David Dadd, Sharon Curran's son, For His Service!**

**John Culberson's web: [www.culbersonforcongress.com/](http://www.culbersonforcongress.com/)**

Check his site for information - Letting Texans Run Texas!

## Our Elected Representatives — Helpful Numbers

Senator John Cornyn	713-572-3337	Washington	202-224-2934
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison	713-653-3456	Washington	202-224-5922
Congressman John Culberson	713-682-8828	Washington	202-225-2571
Senator Dan Patrick	713-464-0282	Austin	512-463-0107
Senator Joan Huffman	979-480-0994	Austin	512-463-0117

Main Capitol Switchboard to contact members of Congress & Senators: 202-224-3121

To find your Representatives: [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org)

## Welcome to 6 New Members

Heather Coulter

Sheri Y. Dean

Cathy Hargraves

Council Member Toni Lawrence

Alice O'Neill

Patti Felker Thompson

**Bill Ferguson:** It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of the husband of Janiece Ferguson. Bill Ferguson passed away this week after a battle with cancer and finally pneumonia.

Janiece is a devoted member of Ronald Reagan Republican Women, as well as several other Republican women's clubs. She is a wonderful Republican and sweet and pleasant person.

Please keep Janiece and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## RRRW 2009 Executive Board

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