



## *Ronald Reagan Republican Women*



### *January Meeting*

**Monday, January 18, 2010**

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

**Location: Doubletree Guest Suites — 5353 Westheimer**

**Cost: \$22.00 lunch buffet - cash or check only**

**\$ 3.00 beverage mandatory / parking \$2.00**

The above are changes made by the hotel beginning this month.

## **Candidates for Harris County Republican Party Chairman**

**Ed Hubbard**



**Don Large**



**Paul Simpson**



**Jared Woodfill**



Ed Hubbard, with a law degree, has managed his own business in the Houston area. He has worked for the GOP and its candidates since he was 17 years old. He has been active in work for school boards, church board, and non-profit entities.

Don Large practiced law 2002-2006, and is currently employed as a self-employed consultant. He has been active in the HCRP all of his adult life, serving as precinct chairman and having run for County Attorney in 2002.

Paul Simpson is a partner in a law firm and also a licensed engineer. A conservative activist for over 40 years, he has served as Precinct 148 Chair since 1990, former HCRP Treasurer and Legal Counsel, SD 13 Chair, and numerous church and civic activities.

Jared Woodfill is a partner in a law firm and current Chairman of the HCRP, first elected in 2002. Prior to that, he served as Chairman of the HCRP Finance Committee and Judicial Screening Committee, as well as Legal Counsel.

## President's Message — Karen Simmons

**2010 is shaping up to be an eventful and politically busy year.** All eyes are on the upcoming March primaries as well as the November elections. We Republicans are banding together in ever increasing numbers. Our own Ronald Reagan Republican Women's Club increased with 47 new members during 2009. Thank you **all** for making our club the success it is! It is only with numbers that we can make our voice heard. **Join us on Monday January, 18<sup>th</sup> for a forum between the candidates for HCRP Chairman. It promises to be lively and informative!**

## 2011 Legislative Preview — Jim Murphy

It's a year before the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas legislative session starts but the major issues facing Texas are already evident. Voters need to be mindful of the work ahead as it is such a large and complex set of issues that our next session will be especially demanding. There will be little time once it all gets started to work with legislators and have an impact. Now is the time to start the communication process to make sure your concerns are heard and addressed.

Three major elements will make the 82<sup>nd</sup> session challenging. The first, something we've all seen a bit of lately, can be called "leftovers." Due to the House Democrats' end of session antics to prevent the passage of the Voter ID bill, major legislation, much of it already having passed in the Senate, simply died and will have to be started over. This is particularly troublesome for the Sunset bills that completely revamp major parts of state government, a few each session. Among those that will have to be added to the next session will be the Texas Department of Insurance (watch out for the windstorm insurance fight) and TXDOT (highway funding, Trans Texas Corridor, etc.). Every session is busy but taking on the incomplete work from the 81<sup>st</sup> will make this one even more so.

As for the second factor, we all know that the State budget, the only matter that must be addressed each session, will be a major challenge. Stimulus funds (\$12 billion in 2010-11) will most likely not be available and will leave a gap. Fortunately, Texas spent most of its funds on non-recurring costs so the gap is far less than \$12 billion. Moreover, income forecasts are showing a drop in sales tax and oil and gas revenues, creating a second downward push. And with property values declining or stable (and their expenses growing) school districts will feel the pinch and look to the State to help even more. This will likely be in addition to local school districts raising taxes. Not a pretty scenario.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> session will also have the once-every-ten-years task of redistricting. While this third element is important work, it ups the tension level significantly since it can pit member against member and Senator vs. House member, as the lines are drawn to create areas equal in population. Plans are developed in the House and Senate and reconciling them is more art than science. Districts in west and north Texas will have to grow in area, creating a possibility that districts will be combined or "paired." As the members getting paired get to vote on the plan (and every other bill), it is easy to see how this complicates what is already a convoluted process.

Somehow, it will all get done and perhaps another 7,000 bills will be added to the mix. So the question is not "will it be done?", but "will it be done to your liking by the people you think are the most capable with your interests and values at heart?" And you can answer that yourself by continuing your work to elect the best candidates and hold them accountable. **It is easier for politicians to ignore people they don't know, so please work hard this next year to have the impact you want, and that we all need.**



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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: Patricia Henderson

5618 Ballina Canyon

Houston, Texas 77041

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

# Welcome to New Member Beverly Kaufman

## Treasurer's Report

Balances: November 30 — \$6288.93      December 31 — \$6645.47

Income: \$1043.28      Total Expenses: \$686.74

### RRRW 2010 Executive Board

President	Karen Simmons	<a href="mailto:karenkennedy2000@yahoo.com">karenkennedy2000@yahoo.com</a>	713-305-9081
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**This Month:** Parking will increase a dollar to \$2, with valet to \$6. \$3 to sit and not eat will be mandatory. RRRW will collect the lunch and \$3 fees to give to the hotel.

**February Speaker: Dan Patrick**

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