



October 2018 Issue

Dynamics of the Midterms



Don Carlson, whose wide range of legislative, international and political experience spans a 34-year Capitol Hill career. He'll be sharing with us his unique perspective on the current election cycle and goings on in Washington, D.C.

For 30 years, he worked for Congressman Bill Archer, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, representing Houston's 7th Congressional District. Mr. Carlson served as his Chief of Staff from 1988 to 2001. He was the Chairman's prime liaison with the Members and staff of the Ways and Means Committee and the Joint

Committee on Taxation. Prior to assuming that position, he was Chairman Archer's Legislative Director, with responsibility for all of his legislative/Committee work. His areas of concentration included taxation, trade, Social Security and budget matters. In addition, he was Chairman Archer's chief political advisor and liaison to Republican Party groups at the local, state and national levels.

He currently serves as Managing Director in the Washington National Tax Service office of PwC providing strategic advice as well as legislative, executive branch and regulatory representation for domestic and international clients of PricewaterhouseCoopers on a broad spectrum of issues including tax, international trade, Social Security, budget and appropriations.

Mr. Carlson also serves on the boards of several non-profits. He is Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Archer Center, the Washington D.C. campus of the University of Texas. He is Chairman of the Board of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.

Mr. Carlson earned his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the School of International Service at the American University, Washington, D.C. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1970 to 1976.



Next Meeting
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Houston Racquet Club, 10709 Memorial Drive, Houston TX

11:00 AM Registration
11:30 AM Program and Lunch

RSVP on the website or
rajadaflaming@yahoo.com or
713-963-9805

Lunch \$25.00
No lunch \$5.00
(Pay with credit card on line or cash only at the meeting)

All Attendees must RSVP by Friday, October 19th.
Before 12:00 NOON
Please notify us of dietary restrictions when RSVP

No-Shows will be billed
Complimentary Valet Parking



President's message

We're almost there....only 22 more days until early voting begins for the Midterm Elections with the Election to follow on November 6. How important this election has become with everything that hinges on Republicans maintaining and gaining seats in Congress to support our U.S. President Trump. It is so important that each of us work hard to register voters, work the phones for our candidates, block walk, address post cards. If you can't think of how to help and have some free time, please come to the HCRP Westside HQ and fill in there. Don't forget our statewide elections and the candidates who are facing tough Democrat opponents who are well funded by outside sources.....Texas is under attack as well!

Village's longtime friend and supporter, Don Carlson will be speaking at our regular meeting October 24. Over the years, Don has supported our fundraisers with donations, arranged extras for our members who visit D.C. and always answers questions for us personally on various political topics. Don has extensive knowledge and insight into 'Swamp' politics and will help us understand and sort out the truth in D. C. as he gives us the 'Dynamics of the Midterms'.

November 28 is our annual celebration of Veterans Day with a fabulous speaker, Debra Coffey, to tell her experience. You won't want to miss this moving talk and bring Kleenex for use during her presentation. Please invite the Veterans you know to attend with you. Also bring your gently used hard back or paperback books to be given to the Veterans Center for Veterans to enjoy reading. They especially enjoy mysteries. In addition, our club is a supporter of Camp Hope PTSD Foundation right outside of Houston and we ask everyone who attends to please bring a gift card in any amount from any place to be given to the Veterans at Camp Hope.

Don't give up hope, WE CAN PULL THIS OUT!!!! Just continue working and staying plugged in to Village and HCRP Westside HQ.....support each other through this process.

Cheryl Dalton, President, VRW



“Protecting Houston from Flooding”

BY

Congressman John Culberson

It’s been more than a year since Hurricane Harvey devastated southeast Texas. Since then, it’s been a year of rebuilding, growth, and a focus on the future. And I am in the right place at the right time to deliver for Houston.

As the only member of the Appropriations Committee from southeast Texas, I have secured billions of dollars for Harris County to strengthen our flood-control network. After Harvey hit, I spearheaded cooperation between the Texas and Florida Congressional delegations to deliver the largest hurricane relief bill package in U.S. history. In total, we secured \$141 billion dollars for the victims of Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The money is already flowing into Texas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently announced Texas will receive nearly \$5 billion of that disaster relief money. A portion of that funding will finish every federally authorized flood-control project in Harris County at full federal expense.

As a Subcommittee Chairman, I will continue to secure funding to finish building out our entire flood-control system. We need to make sure each watershed is completed to protect against a 100-year flood event which is why Sims Bayou did not flood during Harvey. I will continue to work to finish the Ike Dike to protect Galveston Bay from a direct hit by a major hurricane. The disaster relief funding bill passed by Congress includes money to speed up the studies for the design and construction of a third reservoir in northwest Houston.

Improving our flood-control network is something I’ve been working on since I was first elected to Congress. After Tropical Storm Allison flooded the Texas Medical Center in 2001, I secured enough funding to install water-tight doors on Memorial Hermann Hospital to block future flood water from entering the building. This is one of the many improvements protected the Medical Center during Harvey.

As your representative in Congress, I work closely with our state, regional and local partners to create a more flood-resilient city. I have fulfilled every annual funding request made by the Harris County Flood Control District, which includes hundreds of millions in funding for Project Brays, Buffalo Bayou, as well as replacing the gates on the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs.

I truly am in the right place at the right time for Houston and look forward to serving you in Washington to protect Houston against the next big storm.

Happy Halloween

LANDRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL



Landrum Middle School students are excited about their new classroom set of dictionaries and thesauruses. Thank you to those who donated the funds – Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle, Houston City Council Member Brenda Stardig, Judge Michael Landrum, Memorial West Republican Women and Village Republican Women.



AMERICANISM

BY KATHALEEN WALL, CHAIR

RPT Chairman James Dickey will give a short RPT update on Wednesday night, **October 3rd** at the Election Integrity Working Group **Election Law Training** at the **Harris County Republican Party Headquarters**, 2501-A Central Parkway, Suite A11, Houston 77092. Trey Trainor, RPT Assistant General Council is leading the law training and Alan Vera will lead the poll watcher training from **6 – 9 p.m.** Attorney's that attend will be given **CLE Credit**. This class is provided for all those involved in the Texas electoral process in the **Greater Houston Area including both rural and urban counties**. Please RSVP to Melissa Conway at SRECS17@gmail.com. A light meal will be served.

The RPT Party Organization Committee assigned SD 17 Committeewoman and VRW Americanism Chair Kathaleen Wall to head their **RPT Voter Registration Working Group** at the September 22nd SREC Committee Meeting. The Voter Registration Working Group is engaged in numerous final voter registration campaigns, including a GOTV message to vote a straight Republican ticket and we are involved in contacting those that have received the RPT Victory's Early Vote by Mail request and have not sent in their response to request their ballot-by-mail. We are coordinating with groups including County Chairmen, TFRW and RPT Victory Fund to help deliver nearly 1 million votes statewide. We are continually refreshing our list, getting updated contact information and engaging in a variety of marketing campaigns. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in this effort. You **must be registered to vote by October 9, 2018** to participate in the General Election. More details about registering to vote in Texas can be viewed at www.KathaleenWall.com. We encourage all Republicans to join us and reach out to their personal network of friends and family online or in person and make sure they are registered to vote by October 9 and that they **vote a straight Republican ticket**.

Our **National Committeewoman Toni Anne Dashiell**, is spearheading several Women's rallies in key Congressional districts across Texas. There will be a **rally for John Culberson at the Harris County Republican Party Headquarters**, 2501-A Central Parkway, Suite A11, Houston 77092, on **October 16th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Special Guests will include **First Lady of Texas Cecelia Abbott**, and our great **Senator Joan Huffman**.

VRW will participate as a table host at the West Houston Chamber of Commerce Salute to Veterans luncheon at HCC West on November 2, 2018. Tickets are a \$50 donation to VRW. Text Kathaleen Wall at 281-236-8348 for more information.

Please plan to bring gently used hardbacks and paperback books for the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX to our November 28 meeting. We will deliver the donated books to help enrich and improve the MEDVAMC resources that may be added to the collection or distributed throughout the medical center. Also, we will be taking a collection of gift cards for Camp Hope PTSD Foundation at the November 28 meeting, in any amount from any place.

Welcome New Members!

Paula Von Kennel	Sandra Pezzetta	Kathy Taylor
Leona M. Urbish, PhD.	Carolyn Hinch	Patsy Kay Moore
Elizabeth (Betsy) Edwards	Lauren Taylor	Jennifer Dawson
Patricia Soderstrom	Gale Pachkes	Frances McCarthy
Betty Cadena	Jeanette Coon Collins	Amelia Betros
Maria Espinoza	Mary Ann Shemdin	



Volunteers at Westside & Westside Needs.....

Westside requests for diet coke (with Splenda preferably), Sprite, individual snack bars, protein bars, and peanut butter crackers.



Carmen Maria Montiel
&
Cheryl Dalton
VRW's CHAT September 2018
On Socialism



HCRP Westside Headquarter
10301 C. Katy Freeway

VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN
General Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018

President Cheryl Dalton called the meeting to order at 11:32 A.M.

Ms. Robyn Harrison opened the meeting in prayer. State Representative Dwayne Bohac led the pledges **to the flag of the United States and the Texas flag. Ms. Mickey Marvins presented the "American Minute" and spoke on the history of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote.**

President Dalton welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and introduced guests and candidates.

President's Report: President Dalton asked for approval of the minutes of the May General Meeting. Jodie Dornak amended the minutes for volunteers for the Campaign Distribution Committee. She had submitted her name and then withdrew it and Rajada Fleming agreed and was elected. A motion was made to approve this correction. Motion was approved, and May minutes were approved as amended.

Ms. Nancy Scott announced that the club has \$8,500 in the checking account and \$65,000 in the savings account. **Ms. Scott and Ms. Fleming made an appeal for volunteers to work at the HCRP's campaign headquarters and asked those who had worked to stand.** Ms. Wall reminded all attendees that the last date to register to vote is October 9. Ms. Wall also invited members to her home on October 22 to attend **a victory fund event. Ms. Ingersoll announced the club's Mardi Gras gala will be held February 16 at the Norris Convention Center.**

Ms. Jaehne reminded members need to turn in their campaign hours.

Ms. Jaehne also announced that the club had 5,004 hours for the second quarter and recognized Ms. Carolyn Hodges as having the highest number of hours. Ms. Bush gave legislative updates. President Dalton recognized new members.

Ms. Fleming made the motion to increase the campaign disbursement fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in order to pay the donations the committee wanted to distribute that would total \$20,000 to candidates as follows: Dwayne Bohac \$1000, Jennifer Caughey \$500, Sophia Mafrige \$500, Stan Stanart \$4000, Aaron Burdette \$500, Orlando Sanchez \$500, Chris Daniel \$4000, Michael Landrum \$500, Renee Magee \$500, Stacey Bond \$500, Kristin Guiney \$500, Katherine Cabaniss \$500, Angelina Gooden \$500, HCRP \$5000, and Sarah Davis \$1000. After discussion, this motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Ms. Kosmoski presented the motion to amend Article 10, Section 7 of the clubs by laws. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Hodges presented a notebook that contains the history of Village Republican Women from past presidents through 2003. She announced that past presidents after 2003 need to prepare a 1 to 2 page **description to be included in the notebook. This concluded the President's Report.**

Ms. Deanna Harrington introduced State Senator Paul Bettencourt who spoke on the importance of voter turnout for the upcoming mid-term election. He explained that this will be an emotional election and that it is critical for Republicans to vote.

President Dalton concluded the meeting reminding everyone of upcoming important dates listed on the agenda.

The general meeting concluded at 1:03 P.M.

Sharon Mills
Recording Secretary

Village Republican Women

Region II
S.D. 7

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2018-2019 Executive Board

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