
Reconstructing Reconstruction Politics (1991-2009)

By Shirley J. Newton, Historian



A brief history of how a decision made by ten Republican women on October 21, 1991 became the catalyst that broke Reconstruction's more than one hundred-year domination of Cooke County, Texas politics

The history of both the Cooke County Republican Party (CCRP) and Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) is a tribute to the men and women who refused to accept Reconstruction's post-Civil War influence in Cooke County politics. It didn't happen overnight. It took more than 100 years to successfully overturn the Democrat Party's political grip on Cooke County's local government. Pre-1991 Cooke County Republican Party could not afford the permanent headquarters that most county Republicans now take for granted: our Republican "home" at Suite 304, 701 East California Street in Gainesville, TX. Year after year, as Democrats continued to win county offices, the core group (varying from 10 to 23 registered Republicans) met to prove that the local Republican Party was alive and well. From 1960 through 1980 and 1990, they gathered at temporary election-year locations (rented or donated) to focus on Republican Party candidates. Cooke County Republican Party, as we know it today, was built upon the efforts of those men and women who refused to give up when all odds appeared to be against cracking the political wall that the Civil War and Reconstruction had built around Cooke County, Texas:

Juhree Case
Kit Chase
Harold Lee
Rita McCreary
Shirley J. Newton
George Rodgers
Ann Scivally
Bruce Schneider

Maxine Cole
Debbie Hess
Joyce Lee
Troy Miller
Pete Pedersen
Edythe Rodgers
Wm. J (Bill) Williams
John Tracey

Stephen Cole
David Jeffries
John Loch
William J. Newton
Jacque Pedersen
Bruce Schneider
Rosemary Williams



Harold and Joyce Lee



Bill Williams, wife Rosemary and Gov. Candidate Geo. W. Bush

Bruce Schneider's political experience began as a young man "...helping my Dad in conservative Democrat campaigns...1972 Nixon/Tower phone bank -- located in old GNB building which is now Gene's Photo....Juhree Davenport and I were co-chairs with the GOP women running the operation during the day and college and high school students taking over in the evenings and Saturday. If I'm not mistaken, in the county vote totals Nixon had 72% with Tower close behind...North Texas Community College government professor Pete Hyde encouraged his students to hold positive class discussions about Republican candidates. Glenn Loch, Republican Party Chair in the late 1960's, partnered with John Tracy in the oil and gas business. After Loch was elected Gainesville Mayor, he.



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stepped down as party chair, and John Tracy replaced him as Cooke County Republican Party Chair." Bruce left to attend college and became a locally active Republican volunteer when he returned to Gainesville

1974 was Bruce's first year to vote in a Republican primary. He recalled that approximately 17 Republicans voted in that election when he served as Republican poll watcher. The difference in accommodations for Democrat and Republican voters was frustrating to Republicans. While Democrats were assigned to designated precincts, all Republican voters, regardless of residence, were assigned to only one precinct. The 1974 precinct was located in a two-story white brick building (owned by Glenn Loch and John Tracy) north of the Episcopalian Church. Republicans were later assigned to one precinct in the courthouse basement – a "cubbyhole" described by several Republican voters as "barely large enough to squeeze into."

Bruce was Cooke County campaign chair for Bill Fisher in the 1978 Senatorial District 30 campaign and was responsible for 4-5 counties during the election. Gainesville resident Mike Ott worked with Bruce during the 1978 campaign. Cooke County was the only Texas county that carried Bill Fisher over Stenholm in the race. The Cooke County Republican Party had access to a room in the Watts RX on Grand Avenue across from Tom Thumb. The building, although owned by Democrat Watts, was actually funded by Mrs. K.B. Yost (from the Walnut Bend area). She picked up the tab for the space. (*Note: Mrs. Yost also served on the CCRP audit committee in 1985.*) In 1978, Democrat Charles Stenholm won the election to Congress, but aggressive campaigning by Vince Felderhoff and Debbie Hess helped win Cooke County for Republican Bill Fisher. Bruce was still volunteering in 1994 when Tom Haywood campaigned for the Texas District 30 Senate seat. Cooke County Republican Women ordered additional phone lines installed at headquarters and ran a successful phone bank campaign (Monday through Saturday) for candidate Haywood. Tom Haywood won Cooke County and the state.



Gov. Bob Bullock (L) – Bruce Schneider (R)
Fundraiser for Texas Senator Tom Haywood
(per Bruce: a rare appearance for Gov. Bullock
to help a Republican raise money)



Clay and Donna Montgomery, Pat Peale,
Senator Tom Haywood, Clark and Sharon McCormack

Impressed by Bruce Schneider's political experience and his ties to Cooke County, Senator Haywood chose Bruce to be his District Coordinator. Bruce, now a Robson Ranch (Denton) resident, works for Denton County's Criminal Court Collection Compliance Program for the District and County criminal courts. (*See following page for list of 1994 phone bank volunteers.*)



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Shirley
10/21-91

1994 PHONE BANK - VOLUNTEER HOURS
(HRS:PM:SEC) - ALL CANDIDATES
(MINUTES CONVERTED TO HOURS)

VOLUNTEER	SEPT	OCT	NOV	TOTAL HOURS
ARENDT, SALLY	360	530		10
BASKETT, DOROTHY	240	720		10
BRITTIAN, DEBBIE	570	360		10
BROWN, KATYE	150			5
COLE, MAXINE	120			5
COOLEN, LINDA	270			5
CROMEENS, BOBBI	180			5
DORSCH, JOANNE		270		5
DUMDEI, JANIE	390			7
FELDERHOFF, BARBARA	365	325		10
FELLERS, MARY	300			5
FITE, LINDA	420			7
FREEMAN, INEZ		120		2
GAERTNER, BETTY	660	170		14
GREEN, SUSIE	150	120		5
HARLOW, NITA	430	600		17
HENNIGAN, JANIE	570	360		10
HEYING, DORIS	1,005			17
KIDD, WANDA	300	420		10
KLEMENT, CAROL	470	360		14
LOZACIK, FELIX	600			10
LAMB, MONICA	435	290		10
LEE, JOYCE	150			5
LILLARD, BELSIE	600	420		17
MC CORMACK, SHARON	480	420		10
MC CREARY, RITA	210	845		10
MONTGOMERY, DONNA	0	300		5
NEWTON, SHIRLEY	7,120	4185		100
PEDERSEN, PETE	340	360		10
PERKINS, BILLIE	180			5
POWELL, MARGE	600	315		10
REITER, ELLA		120		5
SCIVALLY, ANN	540			5
SPARKMAN, RICHARD	390	315		10
UNGER, DONNA	210			4
WHEELER, FRANCES	210	210		7
TOTAL TIME	19,015	12,135	0	519
AVERAGE PER PERSON				14



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Muenster Republican Debbie Hess, an outstanding Republican volunteer, served as 1984 primary election judge. When the elected 1986 Republican Chair failed to take charge, precinct chairs called a special meeting and



Former CCRP Chair Debbie Hess– Muenster Resident
(Responsible for getting Republican voters out of the courthouse basement into designated precincts)

appointed Debbie to take over as Vice-Chair. True to her “getting-things-done” reputation, Debbie reorganized the Republican Party to keep it alive. On April 12, 1986 she appointed officers and standing committees. The appointments were approved by the Executive Committee, which she describes as “the elected write-in precinct chairmen from the previous election.” Appointees were:

Asst. Vice-Chair and Parliamentarian	George Rodgers
Secretary	Kit Chase
Treasurer	David Krah
Selection Committee:	Kit Chase, David Krah, George Rodgers
Audit Committee	Kit Chase, Mrs. K.B. Yost, George Rodgers
By-Laws Committee	Kit Chase, David Krah George Rodgers

Five of the 24 precincts were represented by duly-elected chairpersons. *Quote: “An appeal was made to chairpersons for the remaining precincts. Goals:...to have candidates for all major offices in the primary elections, to encourage greater participation in party affairs, and to have primary elections in all major precincts.”* At a special-called executive committee meeting on May 14, 1986, the committee approved the CCRP constitution and by-laws. In 1988, after being elected to the office of Cooke County Republican Chair, Debbie set out to fulfill one of her most important and long-lasting objectives: the opening of thirteen (13) of twenty-four (24) precincts available at that time. Republican voters moved out of the courthouse basement to designated precincts.

“We had headquarters in several different places: Dr. Powell’s rental property on California Street (the frontage of his clinic), the older home next to Bohl’s Furniture and the present location. I held a delegate position and attended the convention in Dallas in 1986. We also had several (I think 5 or 6) youth pages accepted to help at the



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convention that year. I held county conventions the whole time I was chairman and I also became trained by the Republican Party (someone from Lewisville came and did the training so that I could train our precinct judges on the proper way to conduct elections). I talked to several people who were interested in running for a position on the Republican ticket but backed out due to fear....and there were a few more prominent people in the community" (who backed out).

"I elected to step down and not run anymore when my children started needing me more and more, and I knew if the party was going to succeed at what I had originally wanted the party to do, I was going to have to turn it over to someone who was more centrally located and the time to give to the cause. I believe that happened due to Pat and all the helpers that I had that stayed active, such as you, Marge Powell, Steve and Maxine Cole, etc.

"We have come a long way and I could not be happier even if those first few years seemed kinda lonely sometime. I always made new friends and found great dedicated workers to stand by me. We had some great fundraisers. One was held at the K.C. Hall and had Dick Armey and John Tower as our guests. We served bar-b-que, had a dance, and auctioned off a tape of Eric Green's: 'I'm Proud to be an American.'" We also had a local run as a state representative against Rick Williamson before he switched parties and that was Kyle McCain."

Prior to 1990, Republicans held monthly meetings in private homes, usually only during election years. Republicans Steve and Maxine Cole came to the rescue in 1990 when they offered one room of their three-room insurance office suite as a central location. From 1990 through September, 1991, Republicans held two-part monthly



President of Cooke County Republican Club
George Rodgers and Wife, Edythe



County Judge Candidate Steve Cole, wife Maxine
Offered their offices for Party Meetings

meetings at their new headquarters. From 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, George Rodgers (succeeded by Stephen Cole when George and Edythe moved to Montague County in 1991) chaired the men's club. Only the men participated:

Steve Cole
Bill Newton
Bill Williams

David Jeffries
Pete Pedersen

Harold Lee
George Rodgers

Troy Miller
George Silvernale



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At 8:00 PM, Debbie Hess opened and chaired the Republican Party meeting with the women joining.:

Kit Chase	Maxine Cole	Joyce Lee	Shirley Newton
Rita McCreary	Jacque Pedersen	Edythe Rodgers	Ann Scivally
Audrey Silvernale	Rosemary Williams.		

The centrally located meetings united the small group, consolidating it into a more active, better-informed organization. When the Coles closed their office in 1997, the group took on the financial challenge of picking up the lease and established Suite 304 at 701 East California Street as its permanent CCRP headquarters.

The wisdom of continuing to maintain a central hub was, and continues to be, justified when compared to volunteer involvement and election results during the temporary "election-year-only" locations available before 1990. This center has become a vital meeting place for candidates and volunteers to determine election strategy; for precinct chairs and precinct judges to discuss Republican issues and prepare for elections; for voters to obtain answers, pick up literature and signs. Permanent headquarters reinforce Cooke County Republican Party's ability to interact and work directly with our local, state, and national elected officials on a continuing basis. And the value of the united efforts made possible by a permanent Republican "home" is no more apparent than in the obvious: the 1994 and ensuing years' successful elections of Republican candidates to county offices.

The influx of Republican voters in the early 1990's signaled that Cooke County's "politics as usual" was about to change. And two persons arrived in Cooke County at the right time. Both – Marcia Saunders and Patricia "Pat" Peale -- were experienced political volunteers, and both were ultimately responsible for "energizing" Cooke County Republicans to successfully challenge the Democrat Party's dominance of Cooke County government.

Marcia, an American Airlines flight attendant who had landed in Cooke County by 1991, had already held five of the top Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) offices. After her move to Cooke County, Marcia was elected to the office of President of TFRW. She had been instrumental in founding three Republican women's clubs (the most recent in Denton County) and Cooke County became Marcia's fourth objective. On October 21, 1991, under Marcia's guidance, ten Cooke County women chartered Cooke County Republican Women, joining both the existing 153 (see note below) TFRW clubs and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Cooke County Republican Women Founding Members

President (1991-92)

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary/Legislative Chair

Parliamentarian

Chaplain

Publicity Chair

Hospitality Chair

Decorating Chair

Shirley Jane Newton

Ann Scivally

Maxine Cole

Monica Lamb

Edythe Rodgers (since deceased)

Essie Fae Scott (since deceased)

Audrey Silvernale (since deceased)

Mary Fellers

Rita McCreary

Carol Washburn

(Note: Figure provided on April 18, 2007 by Robin at TFRW in Austin)



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Marcia encouraged the newly-formed group to challenge Cooke County's Democrat incumbents in the 1992 Presidential election and advised them to assign poll watchers. (Ron Clark, Sherman attorney who later successfully ran for and won Texas Representative District 62 seat, chaired the Grayson County Bush/Quayle Campaign. CCRW president, Shirley Newton, chaired the campaign in Cooke County.) Republicans Stephen "Steve" Cole (candidate for County Judge) and Jim Bleything (candidate for County Sheriff) agreed to test the waters, realizing that this first election would be a "long shot." Democrats had ruled the county too long to be voted out of office in 1992. But a complacent Cooke County Democrat party woke up to its first real competition since Reconstruction. Republicans



President George Bush; Beverly Kauman, TFRW President; Marcia Saunders, TFRW 1st VP; and Dianne Thompson, TFRW Bylaws.

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TFRW PARTY LINE JULY 19



Marcia Saunders, 1992 Bush/Quayle Presidential Election



1992 Texas Republican Party Convention, Austin, TX
 Foreground: Delegates William J. "Bill" Newton, Marcia Saunders
 Background (R-L): Delegates George Silvernale, Jacque and Pete Pedersen

had learned how to campaign. Marcia taught volunteers how to get out the vote -- walk and ring doorbells -- run phone banks -- hold successful fundraisers -- attract "name" candidates. Her political contacts brought the party's first "name" speakers to Cooke County. U.S. Representative Dick Armey; Agriculture Commissioner candidate Rick Perry (now Governor Perry); Larry Smith, state Republican Party Organization Director. (See pages 8 and 9)



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CCRW Charter Members (L-R): Legislative Chair Monica Lamb, President Shirley Newton, Hospitality Chair Rita McCreary, and TFRW Representative Christine Smart



COOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Route 2, Box 243-A
Gainesville, TX 76240
April 22, 1992

TO: Candidates Jim Bleything and Stephen Cole

Members (and spouses):

Maxine Cole, Treasurer	Nancee Edwards
Mary Fellers, Hosp. Chair	Monica Lamb, Secretary
Joyce Lee	Rita McCreary
Paula Martinson	Marge Munsey
Jeanine Nieman	Jean Pendleton
Billie Perkins	Jeanne Roevers
Marcia Saunders	Edythe Rogers, Parl/PAC Chair
Essie Fae Scott, Chaplain	Ann Scivally, Vice-Pres.
Audrey Silvernale, PUB.CH.	Carol Washburn

NOTICE
May 5, 1992 REGULAR MEETING
TIME AND LOCATION CHANGE

Our regular meeting Tuesday, May 5, 1992 has been changed to a **DINNER MEETING** with our **GUEST SPEAKER, LARRY SMITH, ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS**. He will discuss party growth and development, importance of local candidate involvement, volunteers, philosophical differences between parties, and 1992 election issues.

SCHEDULE:

6:00-7:00 P.M.

DINNER, La Casa Restaurant (Private Room)
Gainesville Shopping Center
South Side of Hwy 82 (next to J.C. Penney)
(Note: La Casa serves both Mexican and American food. Dinner will be by individual selection from the menu and at each member's expense.)

7:00-8:00 P.M.

SPEAKER and AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

According to LARRY SMITH, the Republican Party is taking a definite interest in rural communities. He contacted our local organization as a result of that interest in Cooke County. Take advantage of this informal opportunity to let our party's Organization Director know how you feel and what you expect of the Republican Party of Texas. Be prepared to discuss your concerns and to offer your ideas.

Sincerely,


Shirley J. Newton, President

P.S. **We have reserved a private room at LaCasa. Please call me not later than May 1 if you DO plan to attend.**



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U.S. Representative Dick Army with Laverna and Angelo Nasche



1992 Cooke County Republican Women Fundraiser – Speaker: Agriculture Commissioner Candidate Rick Perry (now Gov. Perry)



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D. AUGUST BOTO
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Phone 817-668-5459



TANYA S. DAVIS
ASST. COUNTY ATTORNEY
FAX 817-668-5444

Cooke County Attorney's Office

3rd Floor, Courthouse
Gainesville, Texas 76240

MEMORANDUM

TO: All political candidates FROM: D. August Boto
RE: Political signs on highways DATE: February 12, 1992

It has come to my attention that the Texas Department of Transportation has taken an interest in signs which some of you have placed on or near highways 82 and 35 in our county. Some of you may already have received warning letters from Bruce Preston, Right of Way Engineer for the department in Wichita Falls. He refers to Article 4477-9a VATS (Article IV of the Litter Abatement Act having to do with highway beautification) as disallowing political signs along the thoroughfares previously referred to. The purpose of this memo is to clarify what can and cannot be done, and to request your voluntary compliance with the law as interpreted by this opinion.

After contacting the legal department for the T.D.O.T. in Austin I feel confident that the referenced law may be summarized as follows:

1. Political signs in the "country" which can be seen from 35 and 82 are prohibited.
2. Political signs in "urban areas" along 35 and 82 are prohibited unless they are more than 660 feet from the right of way line.
3. Political signs can measure no larger than 50 square feet in surface area. (Commercial billboards are excepted)
4. Political signs cannot be posted earlier than 60 days before the election and must be removed within ten days after the election.
5. The foregoing four prohibitions apply even if the signs are on private property.
6. Political signs can never be placed in the right of way of any designated road.
7. A candidate can designate one campaign headquarters for each highway (35 and 82) and place one sign at each of those headquarters legally.
8. Signs erected under a permit are exempt from the foregoing rules.
9. The exceptions created under Article 4477-9a(b)(4)&(5) for industrial or commercial land have been effectively negated by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission rules and regulations found under § 21.141 thru 21.159 of the Texas Administrative Code, and therefore cannot be relied on.
10. Violations are prosecutable at a fine range for each day of violation of \$25.00 to \$200.00.

Sincerely,

D. A. Boto
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Boto

(Instructions on how to legally place political signs)



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**COOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
VOLUNTEER OFFICE FLOOR SCHEDULE - 8-31/92 thru 11/3/92
701 E. California, Suite 304 - Gainesville, TX 76240**

Office Hours: 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday

(See Page 2 for Substitute List)

MONDAYS	BILL WILLIAMS (665-6289)			
	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
	31	14	5	2
		21	12	
		28	19	
			26	
TUESDAYS	RITA McCREARY (668-7636)			
		<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
		1	6	3
		8	13	
		15	20	
		22	27	
		29		
WEDNESDAYS	ROSEMARY WILLIAMS (665-6289)			
		<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	
		2	7	
		9	14	
		16	21	
		23	28	
		30		
THURSDAYS	ANN SCIVALLY (665-5389)			
		<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	
		3	1	
		10	8	
		17	29	
		24		
and				
THURSDAYS	JOYCE LEE (668-7013)			
			<u>October</u>	
			15	
			22	
FRIDAYS	BILLIE PERKINS (665-9372)			
		<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	
		4	2	
		11	9	
		18	16	
		25	23	
			30	



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"Thank You" letter from Marcia Saunders to all Republican Poll Watchers

MEMORANDUM

TO: POLL WATCHERS
FROM: MARCIA W. SAUNDERS
SUBJ: 1992 GENERAL ELECTION

*Shirley -
Thank you,
Marcia*

Thank you so much for serving as a Poll Watcher for the 1992 General Election. Your efforts made an impressive impact on the "business as usual" election process in Cooke County.

There is one final request I will make of you. Please send me a list of the problems which you encountered with the election officials (judges or clerks), the procedures followed, and/or the polling locations. Also, let me know what I need to do to better prepare you for future assignments as poll watchers, judges, or clerks.

As a reminder to you there will be a joint meeting of the Cooke County Republican Club, the Cooke County Executive Committee, and the Cooke County Republican Women on November 17th at 7 pm at Republican Headquarters. I hope to see all of you there.

Thank you again for all of your hard work. You did make a difference.

(See the following letter report form CCRW president Shirley Newton to Ron Clark concerning problems poll watchers encountered during voting)



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Copy

COOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Route 2, Box 243-A
Gainesville, TX 76240
November 12, 1992

Mr. Ron Clark
Henderson, Bryant & Woife
200 N. Travis, 5th Floor
Sherman, TX 75091-0239

Dear Ron:

I enjoyed working with you during the 1992 campaign and appreciate your help in getting badly needed Bush/Quayle literature and signs. We were disappointed with the Presidential and other election results but pleased that Judge Enoch and Barry Williamson were successful. Tom Haywood did carry Cooke County, and our local Republican party has become a viable and permanent part of Cooke County politics.

Because approximately 95% of the general election judges and clerks were Democrats, we appointed poll watchers. From the "incident reports" kept by our watchers, this was a wise decision since it appeared that many involved were used to doing things their own way, were not properly trained, and did not understand (obviously had not even read) the Texas Election Code.

I was told that our County Clerk was not familiar with the Texas Election Code and could not provide timely advice when consulted. The result was further delay, in violation of Texas Election Code 33.053, in permitting our early voting poll watcher to observe the processing of ballots. The early election judge had barred him from entry during the opening and removal of the early voting ballots from the boxes. In addition, these boxes were opened on November 2, not on election day [Sec. 87.0241(b)]. The early election judge further violated Sec. 87.0221(c) by ignoring the required notice to the chairman of each party, much less notifying them 24 hours in advance. She explained that the November 2 opening was not to count but to separate the early voting ballots by precinct. Both she and our County Clerk claimed not to understand the poll watcher's right to be present. Approximately 3,000 early voting ballots were involved. At the precinct which I poll watched, the judge and election clerks turned to me for answers when problems arose (I had the Texas Election Code with me). Proper training would have made this unnecessary, and I felt it placed the poll watcher in an awkward position. Honest mistakes are going to occur during any election. Multiplied by precinct, county, and state they could have an important effect on election outcomes. How or if our two parties can overcome these incidents may be difficult, but I hope both parties will work together in the future to assure that proper training of election judges and clerks will at least reduce the probability of similar errors that our poll watchers were able to prevent during this general election.

Cooke County Republican Women will be electing new officers this month. Because I plan to return to work, I will not be accepting a 1993 office but will remain an active member of our organization. I hope that Grayson and Cooke counties will continue to strengthen our Texas Republican Party by working together toward our mutual goals.

Sincerely,

Shirley J. Newton
President

(1992 Election - Problems Encountered by Republican Party Poll Watchers)



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. By 1994 Cooke County Republicans were prepared for a second challenge to Democrat incumbents. And Pat Peale had moved to Lake Kiowa. Pat brought with her over 25 years of political expertise (see resume pages 14,15), lots of political contacts, a determination to succeed at whatever she sets her mind to, and boundless energy to make it happen – and it did! Cooke County's Republican candidates unseated four Democrat incumbents, the beginning of a rout that has continued throughout the 1990's and through the 2008 Presidential election.

Successful 1994 Cooke County Republican Party Candidates

Paul Hesse	Cooke County Judge
Richard Brown.	Cooke County Commissioner, Pct. 2
Pat Payne	District Clerk
Dorothy Lewis	Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Place 2

Pat Peale is dedicated to the Republican Party. Her resume tells the story of her political impact on the community, wherever she and husband Mundy live. Her extensive experience is still "extending" as she racks up one political accomplishment after another – appointed offices, elective offices, board and committee appointments, awards, special recognitions, recruiting – in addition to her earlier involvement in founding the J.J. Pearce High School "Parent Support Group" and the "Society for Adoption of Brazilian Children by Americans." In a *Dallas Morning News* interview (article date is not available), staff writer Carolyn Barta captioned Pat's photo: "Life of the Party." Barta's article referred to Pat's impact on Cooke County politics. But those who know Pat well will agree to the double entendre that "life of the party" describes Pat's outgoing personality and sense of humor. The photos below reveal the Pat Peale that Cooke County Republicans know.



Pat Peale showing off her "chad" T-shirt at CCRW meeting after returning from Florida's infamous Year 2000 Bush/Gore Presidential election recount



Pat Peale – Delegate and Staff Member
2004 National Republican Party Convention



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Resume: Patricia C. (Pat) Peale

Cooke County Chairman: January, 1994 - present
Cooke County Vice-Chairman: 1993-1994

Dallas County Headquarters & Volunteer Chairman: 1985-1987

Dallas County Precinct Chairman/Election Judge: 1984-1992

Delegate to Texas State Convention: 1982-1996

Vice-Chairman North Texas County Chairman Assn: 1995-present. Chairman
"Fly Around" Candidate recruitment help for County Chairmen

Republican National Convention Host Committee-1984: Chair-Eagles/VIP Opening Party (8000 attendees, raised \$30,000 in underwriting); Co-Chair-Eagles/VIP Suite; Chair/Liaison American's Abroad Suite; Chair-Iowa & California Opening Party; Day Chair-Volunteer Recruitment; TFRW Chair NFRW "STARS" Fund-raiser; Co-Chair TFRW Fund-raiser Booth; Chair-Volunteers NFRW Fund- "Nancy Reagan & First Ladies Luncheon"

Campaign Activities

- *Hutchison for Senate: 1993 & 1994. State Steering Committee, Chairman Cooke County; Chair Fund-raiser \$12,000 & \$26,000 and 68% of the vote
- *Bush for Governor: Cooke County Co-Chair-65% vote- 1994
- *Craig Enoch Supreme Court: Chairman Cooke County- 1992
- *Williams for Governor: Chair Arrangements-Pres. Bush Fund-raiser; Underwriting Committee-\$30,000 raised personally
- *Hance for Governor: State Steering Committee, Regional & County Chair; Chair Media Kick-Off-1989 & 1990
- *Hance for Railroad Commission: State Steering Committee; Regional Chair; Dallas Co-Chair; Chair Fund-raiser-1988
- *Bush for President: Chairman Dallas/Collin County Petition Drive-Regional Coordinator-1987 & 1988
- *Ed Hargett, District 1 Special Election: Chairman Dallas County Walk Volunteers - 1987
- *Reagan/Bush: State Steering Committee; Chair Americans Abroad (10,000 Texans voted); Chair Dallas County Blitz (80,000 pieces of literature distributed)- 1984
- *Jim Collins for Senate: State Steering Committee; Field Coordinator (30 Panhandle Counties); Regional Chairman; Regional Walk Chairman; Chairman-Kickoff Function (400 people)-1984

Honor

- *2nd Place Winner- Republican National Committee Victory Blitz, Large Counties, 1984
- *Outstanding Volunteer-Dallas County Nominee for Republican National Committee-1984
- *Dallas County Proclamation for Dedication Award- 1987
- *Dallas County Chairman Award- 1985 & 1986
- *Republican Party Texas Recognition- #1 County for greatest percentage change of Republican elected officials-1994
- *Republican Party Texas Recognition- #1 County for largest percentage increase in primary voters (1100 to 5000)- 1996

Civic

- *Cooke County Republican Women, Northwood & Brentwood Republican Women -1980 thru present
- *Cooke County Heritage Society
- *Dallas Symphony, Dallas Opera
- *Northwood University
- *Parent Support Group-Founded group at J.J. Pearce High School - recognized by State
- *Society for Adoption of Brazilian Children by Americans - helped found Society
- *Outstanding Volunteer of the Year (1978) Jesuit College Prep. School

Personal

- *United Methodist Church-lifelong member, numerous board positions, Sunday school teacher, United Methodist Women
- *Married 39 yrs. to Mundy Peale, 3 children, 2 grandchildren (another due in Sept.): B.S. Degree Simmons College, Boston

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**PATRICIA PEALE
TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
SD DIRECTOR, SENATE 30
1111 Kiowa Drove. West
Lake Kiowa, Texas 76240
940 665-7708**

Dear TFRW Board,

I am Pat Peale and I would like to be considered for the District Director-at-Large position that is open. I feel that I can be an integral part of the Board.

Born in Miami, Fla -

Married: Mundy Peale, 3 children, 6 grandchildren

School: Univ. of Miami, Miami, Fla. Major pre-med. B.S. in Dietetic, Simmons College, Boston

Head Dietitian, Maine Hospital and Harvard Business School AMP and Professor's Dining Room

Member of First United Methodist of Gainesville

Campaigns in Leadership Positions: George Bush for Governor/President, Jim Collins Congress/Senate, Kent Hance RR/Governor, Reagan/Bush for President, Rick Perry Agriculture/Lt. Gov, Gov; Susan Combs Ag/Comptroller, Dewhurst Ag/Lt. Gov, Carole Rylander RR/Comptroller, and many others.

Cooke County Republican Chair - 5 ½ years

Sec. Of the North Texas County Chair Organization

State Republican Executive Committee Woman for Senatorial District 30 - 4 years. Responsible for 36 Counties

TFRW - District Director - 4 Terms

TFRW Executive Board, Director-at-Large

Strike Force Captain 2000, 2004 - George Bush For President

Strike Force - 9 times and 7 times as Captain

Palm Beach Recount Team - George Bush for President -2000

Pensacola Recount Team - Military Vote - George Bush for President

National Republican Conventions - 1984-Chair Eagles, Rep. Abroad, Pages, International; 1996 Delegate, 2000 Volunteer -Family and Friends of Family Suite, 2004 Delegate

National Federation Republican Women's Convention - Chair of Texas Hospitality Suite-3 different times. Delegate since 1984,

TFRW Conventions - since 1984

Speaking Bureau and Seminar Organizer

Awards: Outstanding Volunteer - RNC, TFRW Top 10 Republican Woman; Outstanding Volunteer-Dallas Co Rep Party and Cooke Cty, SD 30 Outstanding Volunteer, TFRW Outstanding Volunteer, Jesuit High School Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Delta Delta Delta Sorority Recognition, 2008 Cong Dist 26 Elector, Chair of the 2008 Electoral College

Appointments: Banking Board of Texas, Red River Boundary Commission, Red River Authority Commission



By Shirley J. Newton, Historian

Invigorated by its 1994 local victories, and inspired by the nation's reaction to Democrat President Bill Clinton's administration, the Cooke County Republican Party set its pattern for the future. Supported by increased enthusiasm of loyal Republican volunteers and by the continued guidance and political expertise of Pat Peale -- the Matriarch of Cooke County Republican Party, as Chief Justice John Cayce, Second Court of Appeals so aptly refers to Pat -- Republicans now hold seventeen (17) of eighteen (18) county elective offices. County Treasurer Judy Hunter continues to fill the one remaining county office held by a Democrat.

District Judge	Janelle Haverkamp
County Court at Law Judge	John Morris
County Judge	Bill Freeman
County Commissioners	Pct. 1, Steve Key, Pct 2, Gary Hollowell
	Pct. 3, Al Smith; Pct. 4, Leon Klement
County Clerk	Rebecca Lawson
District Clerk	Pat Payne
County Tax Assessor/Collector	Billie Jean Knight
County Sheriff	Mike Compton
District Attorney	Janice Warder
County Attorney	Tanya Davis
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1	Dorothy Lewis
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4	John Roane
Constables	Pct. 1, Terry Gilbert
	Pct. 4, Richard (Dick) Roth

Both Marcia Saunders and Pat Peale taught Republicans how to win. From 1994 through the 2008 Presidential election, Republican representation has continued to dominate our county government through the loyalty, financial contributions, and votes of Cooke County Republicans.

Last: a most important (and least obvious) "right person in the right place at the right time" deserves the thanks of every Cooke County Republican. Robert "Bob" Eggleston was reluctant to provide a written account of his



Robert "Bob" Eggleston Keeping Cooke County Republican Party Records Up-to-Date



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strictly voluntary contributions to our Cooke County Republican Party. (He describes my prodding as *"besieging him until he gave in."*) But Bob is and continues to be the "glue" that holds our headquarters and our party together. He has a wry way of putting things into perspective. His energy and political acuity – the data that he gathers and inputs into our computer system for the benefit of our party and its candidates [he describes its beginning as a few scraps of paper containing names and addresses of *"contributors to something or other which I said I would put into a database"*] – the problem that he solved through Big Mouth by replacing the phone calls that he admits he hates to make – the skill with which he oversees the running of our Republican headquarters -- and, when all else fails, his reliability in helping others solve problems -- all add up to how fortunate our Cooke County Republican Party is to have this dedicated Republican within our ranks.

Cooke County Republican Women's membership has paralleled the growth of newly arrived Republican families in Cooke County. These newcomers have brought with them new ideas vital for the continued success of any organization. Our CCRW women volunteers, assisted by their male associate members, forged the way for the Cooke County Republican Party to become an active, viable participant in Cooke County politics and our local government. Their determination -- their dedication -- their energy -- their dependability -- and their versatility made it possible for Republicans to reverse more than 100 years of post-Civil War politics!
