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“OUCH!” 2010 Midterm Election

OUCH! THAT HURTS! Perry is still our Governor, Driver and Harper-Brown have been re-elected; Republicans are the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives; the Democratic majority in the Senate has been reduced to 4±, if you count two Independent senators with the Democrats. Incumbents in the House and Senate, mostly Democrats took it on the chin. There is no logical explanation for the results.

Exit polls are inconsistent. The election results are characterized by a Rachel Maddow interview with a young fellow in Alaska, convinced the Government was coming to take his guns. When Rachel asked him to cite one specific factor or event that supported his allegation, he admitted that he did not know of any but referred her to a website. The \$2 billion trip to India rumor also came from the internet. A rumor was repeated, touted as truth, by Beck, Limbaugh, and Michele Bachman.

McConnell, Spence, and Boehner have each stated the need for cooperation but each followed with comments showing they expect Obama and the Democrats to do their bidding for the next two years. McConnell's stated number one priority is to make sure Obama is a one term president. This should have sounded an alarm with all Americans.

There are a lot of dark clouds in the sky but the sky is not falling, just rain. Anyone who has paid any attention for the last two years knows the Republicans have intentionally blocked everything the Obama administration has tried to do. Boehner announced on national TV on January 20, 2009 his intentions for the Congress. Joined by McConnell, this message, to impede and defeat the proceedings, has been repeated multiple times. It is amazing that the two minority leaders can make comments like these with no backlash at all. Their focus should be on improving the United States of America, the lives of their constituents, not improving their political positions.

There is a silver lining. Dallas County remained BLUE. White beat Perry in Dallas County by 55% to 43%, the opposite numbers from the statewide results. White's strong showing in Dallas County helped many of the Dallas County Democrats win or maintain their offices. In TX-3rd, John Lingenfelder garnered 47,670 votes against Sam Johnson's 100,894. Not bad considering the overall election results and the name recognition factor. John will give Sam a run for his money in 2012. In Dallas County, John Lingenfelder received 17,161 versus Sam's 23,999.

We lost some good elected officials this round but we can't give up. Start thinking and planning 2012, now. Keep on top of the issues and actions by the Republicans. Call, write, email and visit our elected officials. Publish your results [or lack of] on Social Media [ie: Facebook].

—Charles E. Ford, Jr.

From Darlene Ewing, Chair Dallas County Democratic Party – GADC Meeting 11/11/10

Dallas County is Blue. In the midst of GOP dominated Texas, Dallas County is Democratic. Countywide officials re-elected to office are District Attorney Craig Watkins, District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons, County Clerk John Warren, and County Treasurer Joe Wells. Democrats newly elected to office are County Judge-Elect Clay Jenkins, County Comm.-Elect Dr. Elba Garcia. Justices of the Peace-Elect Precinct. 4 are Katy Hubener and Stretch Rideaux and Constable-Elect for Precinct 4 is Roy Williams Jr. All of the Democratic Judicial Candidates and Judicial Incumbents were elected.

In the counties where Bill White won (Dallas and 10 other TX Counties), the Judges for 2012 Early Voting as well as two election committees (Signature Verification and the Ballot Board) are Democratic.

Translated this means the disruption of voting which occurred during early voting at Garland City Hall and at Fretz Park can be dealt with under the law. In addition, every precinct where Bill White won will have a Democratic Judge at the polls on Election Day.

The results of the grassroots effort in Dallas County, precinct walking, phone calls, and mailings, proved the key to this limited success. The effort must start now for 2012, concentrating on getting out the vote.

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EDITORIAL

The 2010 Election is over. The GOP has a majority in the US House and statewide offices in Texas. Double-Dipping Joe Driver and Mercedes-driving Linda Harper-Brown will join 96 others of their party in Austin. The list of bills filed [on the first day of filing] tells a story of an ominous future for Texas. The high point is Dallas County is Blue - Democratic.

I'm tired. This election season has taken it's toll on so many of us. Candidates who we came to know, respect and support were not elected. Candidates shouting angry untruths and violence have been elected and will serve the citizenry. Gov. Perry, with the state's budget deficit over 21 Billion, went off on a book tour. Sam Johnson, TX3rd, quoted from the walls of a Vietnam War-era prison cell [on Face book], but abstained (rather than vote no) on the bill to support our veterans and their families. Newly elected Senator Rand Paul KY, has backed away from his campaign promises of no earmarks. The economy, justice and jobs remain in dire shape. More than tired, I am a weary warrior.

The lame duck session in Congress will still be under Democratic Majority. Getting re-elected is off the table for so many of the Democrats. While there is still time, I implore the Congress to pass the end of, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," (a recent poll showed 70% of Americans support this and the Report - due 12/1 - from the Military states there would be no damage to the troops or readiness). Vote to end the tax breaks for the very rich. And while you're at it, end the war(s) and close the military bases in non-combat areas like Germany, and Italy. Have some courage. Have some heart.

"All politics Is local." *Former Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill MA*

Last week, MSNBC suspended Keith Olbermann because he had contributed to two Democratic campaigns without seeking permission of his superiors. Within hours over 300,000 protests were made to the station by the public – resulting in Mr. Olbermann's reinstatement. Our voices were heard. During this same time, Willa and Chuck submitted several articles for this issue of the Voice. Willa had another of her letters printed in the Letters to the Editor section of the *Dallas Morning News*. Each of the articles finished with the need to keep on fighting; to continue the work we have been doing. John Lingenfelder invited his team to dinner the other night. He told the gathered, weary warriors of his plan to run in 2012 and presented us with an organized plan to achieve the goal of his election to the US House Texas 3rd. We left the evening ready to move forward. [ed: EOS]. Move forward we must. Our voices must not be stilled. Call, write email, visit the elected officials. Continue efforts to register voters and to get out the voters to the polls. **THE VOICE** will monitor the elected officials and report on activities and voting records.

Grassroots – each of us – is more important than ever.

The call to action clear. Each of us must redouble our efforts allow the truth to be spoken and heard.

Call, write, fax, email our elected officials in Washington. Every voice counts.

Government is by the people and of the people. All the people.

Rachel Baker Ford, Editor

The **GADC VOICE** will track our elected officials each month and keep a log of talking points.

1. Where is Perry since the day after the election? On a book tour, lining his pockets while the \$21 billion dollar state deficit remains hidden from public view with no corrective action contemplated.
2. *The Dallas Morning News*, 11/09, 2010, reported the initial bills filed by the GOP for the legislative session beginning in January 2011, include the topics: Voter ID (If passed, this will require presenting two forms of identification: the Voter Registration Card *and* another form of ID, which may be a Picture ID. per Darlene Ewing, DCDP Chair), Immigration and English Only (Texas Hispanic Population in 2007: 8,385,139 - Second only to California US Census Bureau), Gun Rights, Abortion, Lobbying, (NOTE: The Tea Party is 501c: A nonprofit and therefore contributions are tax deductible), Distracted Driving, and Abolish Straight Ticket Voting (The GOP does not want this).

3. None of these issues address or solve the projected budget shortfall nor creates jobs.

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OUCH, Part 2

What do the election results really mean?

The Republicans will control the spending and will chair the various committees. The Republicans can try to withhold funding for programs or departments that they do not favor. They will now have subpoena power. Will they overwhelm the White House with subpoenas as an obstructionist measure? They can introduce and pass whatever legislation they wish but the Senate majority leader, Harry Reid D-NV, may choose not to act on them in the Senate. Hundreds of bills passed by the House in the last session suffered this fate. Should the Senate pass a bill such as repeal of the Health Care Law the president can veto it. A two-thirds majority is required in the Senate to override a presidential veto. Since any one senator can block legislation in the senate, there is no change there. The Democrats can threaten filibuster as well as the Republicans can.

We would like to believe the Republicans now share the limelight and will be forced to move the country forward. In reality, they have been center stage for two years getting away with statements and actions which would have been political suicide just a few years ago. To prosper in 2012, Democrat must be smarter than they have been in this past session. Since 2008, they have allowed the Republicans to choose the playing field, name the referee, and write the rules for the game. The health care bill is nicknamed, "*Obama care.*" Everything the administration has done is named, "*Obama's this,*" or "*Obama's that.*"

Only a few [Barney Frank MA4th, Alan Grayson FL8th, Alan Weiner -NY9th and others] of the 313 Democrats in Washington, DC spoke in support of the president. Most were silent, hiding from the public, allowing the Republicans to succeed. If Democrats had publically supported the president and properly presented the case to the public the election results would have been much different. If Baucus and the bipartisan committee, authors of the Health Care Bill, had picked a few basic improvements, keeping the bill simple, the positive provisions would have been better understood by the electorate.

And, Mr. President, get some better advisors in your staff.

--Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Letters to the Editor: *Dallas Morning News*

11/06/10

Where are we headed?

More than 60 percent of registered voters failed to vote. Supporters of candidates like Bill White, Carol Kent, Robert Miklos, Jamie Dorris and Allen Vaught failed to find the message that would have made competence, intelligence and progress triumph over the appeal of the cry "take our country back."

Now we have a selfish and greedy Gov. Rick Perry in his \$10,000-a-month humble abode and representatives like the beautiful truth-mauling Stefani Carter taking Texas way back.

We've already gone back past the time we valued public education, past the time we led the world in science and technology and past the Eisenhower 1950s, when the interstate highway system was built, the middle class was growing and the top federal income tax bracket was 91 percent.

Where "back" are we headed? Private education only? Child labor? Survival of the person who shoots first and has the most money?

Willa Kulhavy, Garland

Sweet Voter Turnout

Everything about this election year has been like bouncing from a sugar high to near fatal food poisoning hour by hour.

Obama is a safe topic for both supporters and opponents to rip into. Reasonable people, like me, who generally have good sense and are for things to benefit human beings, yammer for him to make us feel powerful and happy like his campaign speeches did. Unreasonable, dangerously unhinged people say he must be defeated.

The majority of people keep such a low profile on political issues, not only do they not vote, they must either be catatonic or scared into hiding by the election noise because a lot of them seem so surprised to hear we have elections regularly.

Have you ever noticed what some of us don't talk about much? For example, I only hear Craig Watkins mentioned when an innocent person is exonerated due to his work or when he throws a fit at the Commissioners Court. When Darlene Ewing recapped the election results for the Garland Area Democratic Club, she mentioned a few of the most valuable Democrats reelected to office. I think she was enthused about Watkins when she said with a smile, "Some didn't win by much."

Watkins emotional downside seems to the timid among us almost as big as his thirst for justice which is such a virtue. And it is can be tough for a voter to know when the good outweighs the bad. Maybe that is one of the reasons the majority crouch in their shells at election time.

Well, the election is 23 months away. This should be as safe a time as there is ever going to be for the nonvoters to learn enough to agree. It is more important to vote for liberty and justice for all than to let yourself be scared off by human flaws.

We have a lot to learn ourselves before 2012 and I've heard the best way to really learn is to teach others. How about we hop to registering and educating new voters and bounce to a high 2012 voter turnout. Better than a sugar high!

--by Willa Kulhavy

Thoughts on Keynesian Economics

--From an Article by Steve Love

The Hoover dam generates electricity by drawing water from Lake Mead and directing the water to flow through giant dynamos powering millions of homes and businesses. This is a metaphor for our nation's economic system. The water in the lake is money in banks, (Federal Reserve or US Treasury). The dynamos are the nation's combined private and public economic activity. The electricity generated represents the means by which individuals and businesses pay their bills. No water, no electricity; no jobs or customers, no bills paid.

In a recession, the private sector is not producing enough economic activity to supply the population with jobs and income to pay the bills. The public sector must release money into the economy. Paying down the debt at this time is the equivalent of using giant energy consuming pumps at the base of the dam to return the water to the lake as the pumps would require more energy than dynamos produce. In New Deal days, this Keynesian economics, was seen as "priming the pump." If the private sector did not prime the nation's economic activity pump, the public sector would through borrowing and hiring the private sector to enhance or repair the nation's community property. Not a matter of enlarging government, but of putting the private sector back to work.

When people are working, the investment is recovered. Money is spent, taxes are paid thereby growing the economy. The follow up to borrowing is a level of taxation low enough to not stifle the growth yet high enough to pay back what was borrowed.

This latter part of the Keynesian equation - taxation - the politicians fight. They believe there is no more water for Lake Mead up the Colorado River, and even if there is, they are determined to not use it. Instead they invest in pumps to refill Lake Mead and let Arizona, Nevada and LA return to the desert. You can take that to the bank.

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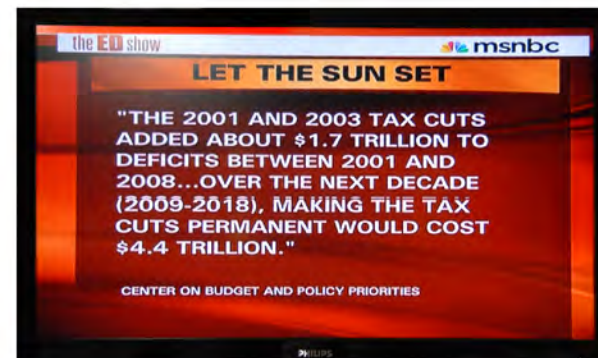
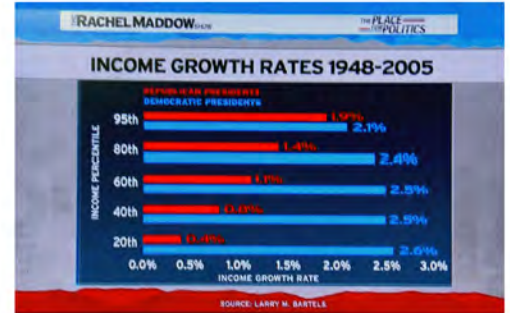
The Hon. Darlene Ewing,
Dallas County Democratic Chair



John Lingenfelder announces
plans to run in 2012

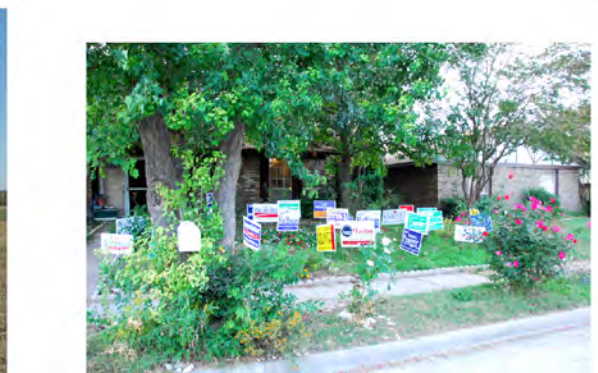


Sally Jackman



AFT Press Conference protesting the Governor's raiding of the teacher retirement funds.

Linda Bridge, AFT State Chair, Gene Lantz, TX Retired Americans, Judy Bryant, Dallas AFT Retired Teacher, Randi Weingarten, Dallas AFT Chair



"You want me to be a
Precinct Chair in 2110?"

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Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

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Garland Women's Activities Building:
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Garland Democratic Women's Club

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Garland, Texas 75042
Contact: Jimmie Smith (972)226-3387

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We are currently in need of several precinct chairs. If you know of any one - a friend, neighbor etc., let Peggy know. Peggy Henger 972-276-5944
pjhenger@tx.rr.com

Members News & Notes

Koni Kaiwi

Koni husband, John is recovering at Baylor Heart Hospital after suffering a heart attack on Tuesday 11/09/10 requiring surgery (quintuple bypass). He is on the mend and doing much better. Keep Koni and her husband in your thoughts and prayers. We're thinking about all of you, Koni. All best wishes for John's speedy recovery!

Late Breaking (GREAT) News (via email 11/13/10)

"I spoke with Koni this morning. She reported John has been up and walking. He had eaten oatmeal this morning. Good news! Go Dems! Sally J [Jackman]"



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and to each of us.**

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