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Thank you, Mr. President!

As we all learn sooner or later, we can't always have what we want. Sometimes, it is better to look at the bright side and be thankful for what we have. This true in the world of politics as well as the real world.



President Obama, with the help of most Democrats in Congress, has had some significant successes which are easily forgotten or ignored if they are not highlighted occasionally.

- ➔ The financial assistance to the auto industry saved not only the auto industry, but the myriad of associated industries. Much of the loans have been repaid, with interest.
- ➔ The stimulus package worked. Texas was awarded \$16.7 billion and has received \$12.7 billion in the form of loans, grants, and contracts. Jobs created in Texas are reported quarterly by recipients and range from the current 35,743 to a peak of 53,152 in the fourth quarter of 2010. The stimulus package worked.
- ➔ The Fair Pay Act. This act is long overdue. It is another attempt to equalize pay between male and female employees when working at similar jobs and performing equivalent functions.
- ➔ Financial Reform Act: The Credit Card Act. The President and Congress have intervened on behalf of the consumer to prohibit some of the credit card company unscrupulous practices such as arbitrarily raising the interest rate on debt already accrued, without notice to the consumer.
- ➔ The killing of Osama Bin Laden and other Al Qaeda leaders. This has weakened Al Qaeda as a threat and made it more difficult for the group to plan and implement an attack against US citizens. It also proved great numbers of armed forces is not the most efficient way to combat terrorist groups.

These are a few of the more important achievements. We have grown up in a world where we expect changes to occur instantly and we get frustrated when changes take longer than we want to be implemented. We are thankful we have a Democratic shield, President Obama, in the White House!

– Charles E. Ford, Jr

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EDITORIAL

The other day I found an essay I wrote for 10th Grade Honors English. I wrote of teachers only working 9 months, 6 hours a day and they were not the primary breadwinners for families (Women). Mrs. Schoenofen read my childish words, corrected my grammar and gave me a C-. (At least there were no typos...) I certainly echoed the party (Baker Family) line. In the 49 years since I wrote this essay, I have lived a lifetime of woman, friend, teacher, musician, wife, mother, grandmother and so much more, coming, "face to face," with the joys and depths of existence, grateful I have, "put away childish things."

I hear my childish words in the congress these days. A committee of supposed adults came together and could not work together. Could not, would not compromise. After the Failure (F), further temper tantrums have been thrown, demanding the wealthiest of Americans be protected from tax increases, 200,000 Government Employees be laid off, and only then, could the tax cuts for the middle class could be extended. A plan with which a majority of Americans disagree.

HD112 Texas Representative, Angie Chen Button sent out a periodic newsletter touting her successes in the past legislative session:



Voter ID Law: Under scrutiny by the Justice Department for discrimination. Research has proven a voter fraud is not prevalent.



Redistricting: Deemed unlawful because of voter disenfranchisement of ethnic minorities. Creates a "Choose Life" license plate that will promote and raise funds for adoption programs. Did Mrs. Button research the history of redirecting discretionary funds in Texas?



No new State Taxes: Money is now the responsibility of local governments. Pushing the responsibility of raising of taxes to local governments.

Way to go, Rep. Button! Childish, negative intelligence or what?

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, while watching *The View* (ABC) the other day, I learned of a website, <http://www.donorschoose.org> where teachers can post classroom projects for which they need funding assistance. What I found was teachers asking for basic supplies for learners: papers, pencils, crayons, construction paper and so on. Basic supplies for learners. More than 25,000 teachers asking for help. I read several hundred of the requests, cried and got out the Ford checkbook. I did a search for requests within Garland, Texas. 51 teachers in Garland have requested help with basic supplies for our children like manila construction paper or Weekly Readers (Both at Handley Elem. School). Stickers, Pencils for Incentives (Hickman Elem. School). Thumb drives for students to save their projects (Ethridge Elem School). These are 3 examples of 51 right here in Garland. The Donors Choose Website allows donors to give a dollar (or more) to as a many projects as one chooses. Each project is researched and verified. Costs to Donors Choose Organization are documented and I found them to be very reasonable.

11. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became an adult, I put away childish things. 12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (First Corinthians, 13)

I'd like this verse on a license plate.

Rachel Baker Ford, Editor

➡ Note: I'm voting for President Obama because of the Fair Pay Act.

I Should Vote for *Who*?

–Willa Kulhavy

I'm going to vote for the 2012 Presidential candidate who has done the most to destroy the U.S. Social Security system. Barack Obama celebrated the refusal of Republicans to let the Bush tax cuts expire by saying, "That's ok as long as I get credit for reducing funding for Social Security by about 16%" (Calculated by dividing the 2% reduction of an employee's half of social tax by the 12.4% total for both employee and employer.

Well, those weren't his public words. Behind closed doors he Boehner or Hensarling may have said, "We'll vote for cutting Social Security tax." Obama, who is no dummy, proudly sold it to us as a "payroll tax holiday" the gift of a one year 2% reduction of tax for "working people in order to improve his approval ratings."

Finally, late this summer President Obama starting talking about creating jobs by repairing infrastructure. Didn't he sound good? But the failure of the Super Committee reminded our President Congress won't play with him. He dropped the jobs and public works speeches we were cheering to propose reducing an employee's social security tax rate by an additional 1.1 and extending the payroll tax holiday.

For years an employee's share of Social Security tax was 6.2% of wages up to a wage ceiling which was \$106,000 for 2011 and will be \$110,000 for 2012. Reducing an employee's social security tax rate by a total of 3.1 instead of 2 will mean a 25% instead of 16% reduction in revenue for Social Security (3.1 divided by 12.4).

The President points out Republicans are generally in favor of tax cuts, so there's no reason for them to balk at this one. Could it be because the Congressional Budget Office estimates the cut will reduce federal revenues by \$112 billion over the next two years? Could it be because the government will have to borrow to fill that hole in the Social Security trust fund and the Republicans won't vote for raising taxes or increasing the deficit but plan to vote for terminating our Old Age, Survivor and Disability Insurance program known as Social Security which has been the American working person's economic lifeline for over 60 years.

➡ Yes, I am going to vote for President Barack Obama in 2012. If we can make him care about us more than he cares about making Republican legislators happy, we could have a great President and a good economy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

I'm a Radical, Left-Wing, Environmentalist.... And I'm NOT Disappointed in President Obama!

–Peggy Henger

We all believed President Obama would be The Environmental President – his Energy Plan confirmed he would put forth most of the goals we championed for years and try to regain the losses of the Bush years. We believed he could "reach across the aisle" and initiate critical bi-partisan legislation to clean our water and air, protect our forests, and promote energy efficiency and less reliance on foreign oil imports. Indeed, his Energy Plan provided for all of these. Our expectations were so high! But we didn't realize the Tea Party, many of whom deny climate change is happening, could control a group of intelligent, experienced Representatives. With their number one goal of defeating President Obama, they set out to destroy every proposal he had, even proposals they had initially endorsed. The Environment lost out.

Obama has managed some impressive wins, regardless of the Tea Party/ GOP roadblocks.

- ➔ 1. Delayed the Keystone XL Pipeline (hopefully out of existence). The Keystone would pipe extracted tar sands crude oil from Canada (where 100's of square miles of pristine forests would be destroyed during the mining process), transport the toxic, heated tar sand crude over 6 states, farmland which is the richest and most productive in the US, 1590 public roads, 1455 American Waterways including the Ogalala Aquifer. There is a history of major leaks, including Yellowstone River and Michigan's Kalamazoo River (from which neither one has recovered) with NO funds allocated for clean-up (leaving the costs to you and me).
- ➔ 2. Established new fuel economy standards for cars and trucks - first time ever for trucks.
- ➔ 3. Appointed Lisa Jackson to head of the EPA. Ms. Jackson has not shied away from enforcing EPA regulations already on the books, in spite of spending many hours Capital Hill answering inconsequential charges from Tea Party members who would like ALL EPA regulations eliminated.
- ➔ 4. The recent appointment of John Bryson as Secretary of Commerce, (an appointment delayed for 5 months). Mr. Bryson is extremely well qualified, as well as being committed to defending public health and encouraging renewable energy sources.

As an Environmentalist, I didn't get everything I wanted during Mr. Obama's first term. Some critical environmental projects were bargained away to get concessions on other critical bills, such as Health Care. Mr. Obama was blackmailed in the budget fiasco, forced to make concessions or face default on obligations. However, I don't believe his environmental goals have changed. We must work much harder to ensure his election in 2012 and to ensure we get him some help in the House.

Sign up to help today. The list is on the DCDP website, www.dallasdemocrats.org.

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We Have Candidates



Walter Hofheinz, US House, 32nd District
<http://www.walterhofheinz.org>
Candidacy filed



Carol Kent, TX HD107
Brian Pendleton Campaign Manager
brpdem@yahoo.com
(Pictured with Peggy Henger, Precinct Chair 2118)
Candidacy filed



Left to Right:

Katherine Savers McGovern, US Congress TX 32nd, ksm51711@gmail.com

[Theresa Daniels, Dallas County Commissioners District #1, tmdan34@aol.com](#)

★ [Judge Don Adams, Criminal District Court #2 Dallas County](#) <http://www.judgedonadams.com/>
Eric Roberson, Judge, Appellate Court

[Maricela Moore, 162nd Civil District Court](http://www.maricelamooreforjudge.com/) <http://www.maricelamooreforjudge.com/>

[John Lingenfelder, US Congress TX 3rd,](http://www.lingenfelderforcongress.com/) <http://www.lingenfelderforcongress.com/>

[JR Cook, Judge Criminal District Court #4,](http://www.jrcookforjudge.com) <http://www.jrcookforjudge.com>

[Richard Hancock, State Representative, TX HD102](#) rich4HD102@gmail.com

Not Pictured: David Hanschen, Appellate Court & Dominique Collins, Criminal Dist Court #4

★ *Incumbent & Candidacy filed*

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We Have Candidates



Scott Perry,
Judge, 162nd Civil District Court



Balthazar Cruz,
Judge 162nd Civil District Court



David Diaz,
Judge, 162nd Civil District Court

Candidates filed with Dallas County as of 12/06/11

- ★ Eddie Bernice Johnson, US Representative, District 30
- Barbara Mallory Caraway, US Representative, District 30
- ★ Royce West, Senator TX SD23
- ★ Rafael Anchia, Representative, TX HD 103
- ★ Roberto Alonzo, Representative, TX HD 104
- Carol Kent, Representative, TX HD 107
- Cedric Davis, Representative, TX HD 110
- Toni Rose, Representative, TX HD110
- ★ Larry Taylor, Representative, TX HD 110
- ★ Yvonne Davis, Representative, TX HD 111
- ★ Eric Moye, District Judge, 14th Judicial District
- ★ Ken Molberg, District Judge, 95th Judicial District
- ★ Don Adams, Criminal District Judge, Court No. 2
- ★ Gracie Lewis, Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3
- ★ John Ames, County Tax Assessor-Collector
- ★ John Wiley Price, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
- Betty Culbreath, County Commissioner, No. 3
- ★ *Incumbent*

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OUT AND ABOUT



GADC Meeting
November 13, 2011
Fran Donnell, President



Larry Duncan , President
The Dallas County Schools
at work for the Children &
Taxpayers of Dallas County.
All new buses have seat belts,
standard. Older buses are
being retrofitted
(Cost \$16,000 per bus)

Used Deep Fat Oil for Fuel.
Continuing Ed. Classes Online
for Dallas Co. Teachers
(\$24/hr out of county)
Paid Advertising on buses.
Safety programs:
Stopped Bus Safety Awareness.
GPS Tracking &
Video Surveillance,
Internet Services.



John Lingenfelder, Candidate
US Congress TX 3rd



Theresa Daniel,
Candidate Co. Commissioner #1
Evelyn Roberson



Maricela Moore,
Candidate for Judge
162nd Civil Dist Court



NDTDW Holiday Party
December 4, 2011
Carol Jablonsky, President



Dominique Collins, Candidate
Judge, Criminal Dist. Court 4
With Sandy Paul, (Prec. Chr. 1821) & Friends



Carol Kent, Candidate
TXHD107, with
John Lingenfelder, Cand. TX3rd,
Cooper & Fran Donnell



Carol Kent, Candidate
TX HD107
with Lenna Webb

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BULLETIN BOARD

Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2011 7:00 pm
Program: "Holiday Party." Lou Mitchell will perform.
Bring a dish to pass. Bring canned goods for the North Texas food Band.
Garland Women's Activities Building
713 Austin Street Garland, TX
Contact: Fran: 972-414-8822/ 3144 Pebblebrook Ct.,
Garland, TX 75044 frandonnell@verizon.net

Garland Democratic Woman's Club

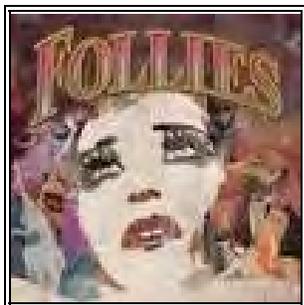
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 11:30 am.
"Holiday Party." Bring canned food for the Garland Women's Shelter. Install the 2012 Officers. Enjoy the company of Democratic women over lunch! All are welcome, bring a friend. Siciliano's Taste of Italy, 2210 W Buckingham Garland, TX. Info: 972-226-3387

Filing Deadline for Public Office 2012 Democratic Primary

Thursday, December 15, 2011:
6:00 PM, DCDP Office, 4209 Parry, Dallas, TX

DCDP Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2011:
This is set by law for drawing for positions on the 2012 Democratic Primary ballot. 6:30 PM,
Communication Worker's Union Hall
1408 N. Washington, Dallas, Texas



Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!
Garland Spring Follies Talent Show
June 10, 2012: Garland Performing Arts Center
Featuring: Lou Mitchell, Folk Singer, *Extraordinaire*
Mark Edwards. Master of Ceremonies
Sponsored by The BIG EAST Democratic Association.
More details to follow!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fran, Donnell, President

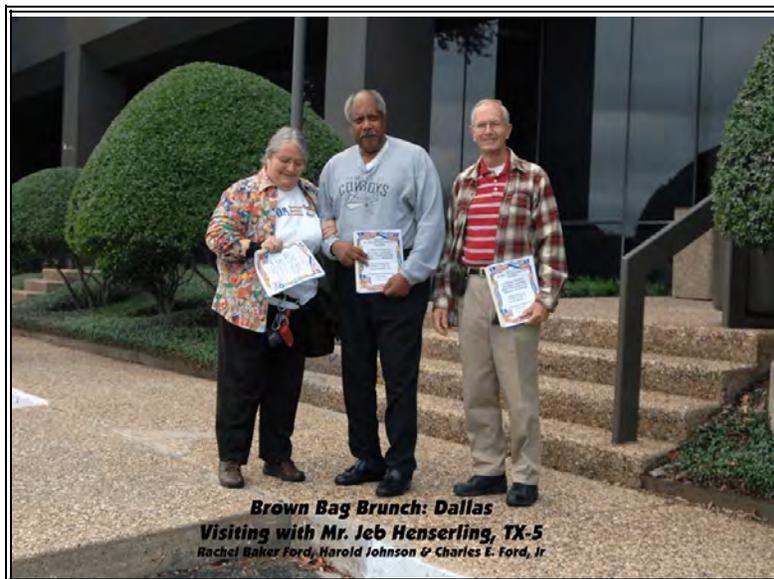
Holiday Time! Time to pause, catch our breath and party! 2012 is upon us and the excitement is building. With many wonderful Democratic Candidates running, we must start the new year in full swing.

It is time to pay our yearly dues of \$15 a person and \$20 a couple/family. Dues are how we support the candidates and the projects of the GADC.

One of our first projects of the new year is to register voters. At the January 12, 2012 meeting topic is, "Getting Out the Vote Starts with Registered Voters." Toni Pippins, from the Dallas County Democratic Elections Board will be our speaker. Ms. Pippins will help us get up to dates on the new rules and procedures.

See you Thursday! Don't forget to bring canned goods for the North Texas Food Bank.

Fran



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Full Page 7"x 10" (Vertical Only)	Single Issue 3 or more Issues	\$300.00 \$200.00 per issue - Same copy	Camera Ready File, JPG or Tiff 300 DPI
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