

**Minutes
Star Republican Women
General Meeting
April 16, 2013**

A general meeting of the Star Republican Women was held on April 16, 2013 at Quail Point Lodge.

President Charlotte Hewitt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., following a light lunch provided by co-hostesses Pat McMurtrie and Dora Tweed, along with Ann Seckler, Donna McCasland, Carol Hawkinson, Barbara Van Osten, Betty Ward, Teri Nelson and Sheryl Miller.

Trudy Stucky provided the invocation and led the attendees in the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Charlotte welcomed new members and all elected officials in attendance:

Peter Jones, Llano County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Cheryll Mabray, Llano County Attorney
Tom Schmersahl, Horseshoe Bay City Councilman
Linda Raschke, Llano County Commissioner, PCt. 2
Steve Jordan, Horseshoe Bay City Councilman
Nancy Watson, Office Manager for U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway

Charlotte also welcomed two candidates for the upcoming Llano Independent School Board elections, Letitia McCasland and Lynn Jenkins; and two candidates for the May of Horseshoe Bay, Mr. Schmersahl and Mr. Jordan.

Program Chairman Andi Ball introduced the featured speaker, Judge Robert Hofmann of the Child Protection Court of the Hill Country. Judge Hofmann provided an overview of the Texas Child Protection Court system and how he and his fellow judges work with Child Protection Services (CPS) to protect victims of child abuse. Judge Hofmann oversees 12 counties, including Burnet and Llano counties. He reported that although court cases had declined from 2004 to 2009, they started to increase again in 2010, particularly in Burnet County. He said that 90% of the cases brought to his court are drug related.

Andi thanked Judge Hofmann for joining the SRW and she announced that a member of the TFRW Immigration Committee would be speaking at the May 21 general meeting.

Charlotte announced that the March 19 meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Report were on the information table.

Louraine Robertson provided a Membership Committee report on behalf of committee chairman Donna Stevens. Louraine reported that SRW has 152 regular members and 35 associate members for a total of 187 members.

Caring for America Committee co-chairman Patricia Burcham thanked all who provided Get Well and Thank You cards for the Wounded Warrior project in March. She thanked those who brought items to the meeting for the Hill Country Advocacy Center and said she would be accepting additional items for a few more days. Patricia also requested that SRW members bring

women's clothing and accessories to the May meeting to donate to two organizations that assist economically challenged women who are transitioning into the workplace.

Campaign Activities Chairman Tomi MacDonald announced that SRW recorded 337 volunteer hours during the First Quarter of 2013.

Literacy Co-Chairman Sandra Morehart reported that SRW had purchased several books from the TFRW Mamie Eisenhower Program to contribute to Llano, Marble Falls and Kingsland schools.

Ways & Means Chairman Marion Gardner encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Ten Men About Town fundraiser on April 23. She thanked committee members Jan Greer and Gloria Lomax for their help in organizing the event.

Charlotte announced that a C.H.A.T (Chicks Having an Awesome Time) event is set for 5 p.m. June 6 at the home of Nancy Cobb. Members are welcome to attend for an informal discussion on an important topic (to be announced at the May meeting). Wine and snacks will be served.

Charlotte adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Kromer
Secretary