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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Voters, Callers, Fighters, Prayer Warriors, Emailers and Patriots, I know each member of PWRW is most of these things if not all. Together we have been fighting the Battle of the Legislative Session of 2021. While we may not have succeeded in every battle, I know our voices have been heard. Some of the bills that will make it to the Governor's desk were never supposed to make it there. The opponents to some of our legislative priorities were fierce in their determination that many bills would not see the light of day as far as a vote goes, but because of unrelenting calls and your perseverance, good things happened and bills made it to the governor's desk. Now our homework really begins. We must vet our legislators and find out which ones fought for us and stood for liberty and the unborn and limited government. We must see who used their positions as head of committees to prevent good bills from progressing. And it just so happens that since We Are "The Storm", we have Storm Trooper Inspiration on May 26 with A Fierce Veteran and Lover of our State and our Constitution, Lt. Col. Allen B. West.

Please join us if possible and we will Storm forward together!

With Hope for the Future,
Ellen



WHAT'S COMING UP

May 19 – Dallas Deplorables Coffee
Dutch Treat Connection & Conversation
Wednesday - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Native Coffee Co., 4319 Alpha Road, Dallas

(Dallas Deplorables is an extension of the DFW Deplorables and was founded by Preston West members! Gather weekly for morning coffee & conversation. If you want to be included on the distribution, contact Anne Stone at annelindastone@gmail.com.)

An Evening with Allen West
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
The Venue Forty/50
6:30 p.m.
4050 Belt Line, Addison



Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Allen B. West is a Christian constitutional conservative, combat veteran, and former Member of the US Congress. His life has been defined as one of service, sacrifice, and commitment to this Republic, the United States of America. He

believes it will be conservative, free market policies, not politics that secures a sound economic future for Americans – with growth, opportunity and returning the promise of the American dream.

Allen West was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the third of four generations of military servicemen, all combat veterans, in his family.

After an illustrious military career, Allen was elected to the United States Congress in 2010, representing Florida's 22nd District.

In July of 2020, Mr. West was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas by an overwhelming majority of State delegates.

He is married to Dr. Angela Graham-West, a financial adviser, and they have two daughters, Aubrey, a Board-certified Physician Assistant, and Austen, a software sales consultant.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

New Member: - Kathy Moore

New Associates:

Gail Capps

Adria Ger

Steven Ger

Don Hartman

Associate Renewal:

Maria Nicholas

PW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 28, 2021 Spring Creek BBQ, Addison

President Ellen Theilen opened the meeting at 7 pm. and led in prayer. Farmers Branch city council candidate Elida Munoz led the pledges.

Dallas City Council candidate Mac Smith and F.B. Councilman Terry Lynn were recognized.

Minutes of the March General Meeting were approved by acclamation as printed on the back of the agenda. The Treasurers report was also printed on the agenda.

Legislative report - Diedra Seltzer gave an update on the status of several bills in the Texas House.

Sandy Ammons introduced the program: Debbie Georgatos, Host of "America, Can We Talk", who entertained, informed, and challenged us.

She had handouts - New Social Media and News Platforms - and Why it Matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by recording PWRW secretary Carole Wills

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There are 17 calendar days left in the 2021 Legislative Session. Here are a few of the Republican Priority bills close to the finish line.

Election Integrity

- **SB 7-** Election Integrity Omnibus bill passed the Senate then the House as amended. According to the bill stages, this bill is ready for the Governor.
- **HB 574-** Relating to creating criminal offenses involving elections: appears to have been approved by both chambers with amendments according to the bill stages graph. Now ready for the Governor to sign.

Abortion

- **SB 8-** Heartbeat bill. According to the bill stages graph on the Capitol website, this bill was passed in both chambers with amendments. It appears it is ready for the Governor to sign.

Constitutional Carry.

- **HB 1927-** Passed the Senate on May 5, 2021. The House refused to concur with the Senate & appoints a conference committee as does the Senate. This bill is stalled.

Gender Modification

- **HB 1399-** Re: professional liability insurance coverage for & prohibitions on the provision to certain children of procedures & treatments for gender transitioning, gender reassignment, or gender dysphoria. This bill was only heard in the House and is now on the General State Calendar for 5/12/21. This bill is stalled.
- **SB 29-** Re: requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex. The Senate narrowly passed this bill. The bill was received in the House on 4/15/21. It was heard in committee & failed to receive an affirmative vote.

Keep up the good work to push our legislators for our agenda items.

Diedra Seltzer, PW Legislative Chair



PWRW CLUB NEWS

SPOTLIGHT ON ALMA BOX



Alma was born in El Paso, Texas and spent her formative years there. She even began her college career there but finished the last two years at UT in Austin. While she was attending UT, she came up to Dallas to go to the Cotton Bowl game and really liked the big city and decided to come to Dallas after she finished at UT. In Dallas, she met her husband and they dated and married after a year. Her husband was in the window manufacturing business and Alma helped with that, doing the bookkeeping and other chores. She had three children. When her sons were 13 and 16, she had an "unexpected blessing" of the birth of her daughter. (Author's Comment: I find it particularly efficient to have the babysitters before you have the baby. Good planning, Alma!) After her children were a little older, her wonderful next-door neighbor, Joyce Cochran, invited her to attend a meeting at Preston West. They were meeting in people's homes at that time. She thought it sounded like fun, so she attended and became a regular. She had always voted Republican but joined in immediately campaigning for Jim Collins in the 60's, setting up and organizing voting groups. No Republicans held office at that time and once Jim Collins became well known, other Republicans were voted in, all the way down to most county judges. Alma said it was pretty easy to get speakers

at that time!

Alma eventually became President of PWRW in 1985-1986 and after that became active in the DCCRW taking on the role of President in 1991. In 1992, Alma became the District Director for TFRW for multiple terms and after that, served as Deputy President of TFRW for several terms. She was installed by Congressman Steve Bartlett who later became mayor of Dallas. She was installed as President of DCCRW by Kay Bailey Hutchinson who was elected as the state treasurer in 1990. Alma and her friends at DCCRW worked very hard to get KBH elected. Alma took another turn as President of PWRW in 2007-2008 after Dee Phelps talked her into it. After that, she served as Treasurer of PWRW for 2013-2019, bringing back those bookkeeping skills once again. Alma's son served on the Dallas City Council for six years but his life was tragically cut short in 2005.

Alma loves to hike and a favorite vacation was to go to Dude Ranches in Colorado. Too many bad experiences on a horse caused her to give up the saddle for good and she chose instead to spend her time hiking, appreciating the beauty and exercise she experienced while doing so. Another fun hobby: Alma and her friend Joyce decided to join some friends and take organ lessons and Alma still enjoys taking lessons and playing the organ.

Alma, thank you for your many contributions to our club and to the Dallas Republican scene and for your long, relentless activity working on the campaigns of our Republican legacies. You inspire us with your perseverance!

God Bless Texas and God Bless Alma!
Submitted by Ellen Theilen

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AN EVENING WITH ALLEN

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**The Venue Forty|50
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Keynote:
Republican Party of Texas Chair
Lt. Col. Allen West

**"We are the Storm:
How to be Storm Troopers!"**

\$50/person
Dinner & Complimentary wine and beer
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