

## TFRW Speakers Bureau

Review your Awards Forms as a checklist of ideas – these will not only earn you awards, but are a template for club success – attracting and keeping members.

These are names and contact info of people referred to me. Some are regional, some will travel to clubs without compensation, and some may require travel compensation. Please let me know if you have other speaker ideas.

- **Texas Public Policy Foundation** - They provide speakers on a variety of timely issues. Check out their website: <http://www.texaspolicy.com/> (They are in **Austin** but will travel)
- **Steven L. Ellers, Ph.D.**, Professor of Political Science at Schreiner University in **Kerrville**. [sellers@schreiner.edu](mailto:sellers@schreiner.edu); 830/792-7433.
- **Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge**  
Judge Emmett is a former 3 term member of the Texas House, an Interstate Commerce Commissioner, an internationally recognized Transportation Consultant and a political consultant and as County Judge is responsible for overseeing a \$2 billion dollar annual budget in the most populous county in Texas. As County Judge of the nation's 3rd largest county, he deals with topics that are timely to the Republican Women of Texas everyday including redistricting, immigration, transportation, healthcare and criminal justice. He has a valuable insight into the dealings on a local, state and federal level. For scheduling please email or call Ryan M. Walsh at [walsh.ryanm@yahoo.com](mailto:walsh.ryanm@yahoo.com), (713) 398-1662.
- **Pastor Stephen Broden**, a talented and inspired Republican speaker and candidate for Congress, District 30  
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- **Dr. Wayne Thorburn** is a former executive director of Young Americans for Freedom, former executive director of the Republican Party of Texas, former Travis County Republican Chairman, and former Administrator of the Texas Real Estate Commission.

Additionally, Wayne taught political science at Arkansas State University, Texas State University, and the University of Maryland and was Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Education during the Reagan Administration and a Special Assistant at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1990-93. He has lived in Austin with his wife Judith since 1977. Thorburn's book, ***A Generation Awakes***, has been called "essential reading" by Michael Barone, co-author of *The Almanac of American Politics*. It tells the exciting story of the role played by one youth organization in the development of the conservative movement in American politics. His book is available from Amazon and other online booksellers. It can also be available for purchase and signing at presentations with a portion of the purchase price donated to the sponsoring organization.

Topics for presentation include:

- ***Before There Was a Tea Party: The Conservative Movement and the Republican Party***
- ***The Vast Right Wing Conspiracy: Resources Available to Today's Conservatives***
- ***Encouraging Young People in Politics: Why It Matters***

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- **Dana Bowman** – was Special Forces soldier and member of the U.S. Army’s elite parachute team, the Golden Knights. In 1994, a mid-air-collision cost him both of his legs. Dana’s determination in the Army, and now in the civilian world, has earned him worldwide recognition as a motivational speaker and skydive demonstrator. Dana travels the nation inspiring people with his motto . . . It’s not the Disability, It’s the Ability™, Never Quit.  
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- **Apostle Claver T. Kamau-Imani** – Please visit his website – he was a seminar speaker at TFRW convention 2009 and provides exceptional insight and inspiration to target minority conservatives.  
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[www.RagingElephants.org](http://www.RagingElephants.org)  
***Harris County but is willing to travel – (he does NOT ask for speaker’s fee for TFRW clubs, but may want travel reimbursement )***
- **Constitutional Law**  
**Justice Robert M. Fillmore**  
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- **RPT:**
  - Chairman Steve Munisteri and Vice Chairman Melinda Fredricks (go to [www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org) for contact info or check with [rwilliamson@hctc.net](mailto:rwilliamson@hctc.net))
  - Your own State Republican Executive Committee man or woman (go to [www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org))
- **Anne Frank Exhibit Docent:** Tish Bowen - email [pawmsb@msn.com](mailto:pawmsb@msn.com)  
“I was a docent for the Anne Frank Exhibit when it was brought to **Fort Worth** in 1997 and again in 2002. Following the Exhibit in 1997 the ten best docents were asked to continue to speak in schools on the Holocaust.

I was one of the ones that was chosen. Knowing that I might be confronted by a denier at some point I decided to visit concentration camps. The Cincinnati Holocaust Foundation offered a tour for teachers and I joined that group in 1999 and again in 2000. I returned the second year because there were areas in the camps that I did not see in the first trip. I made posters using my photos and literature provided at the camps. I present a slide show with commentary that lasts about 45 minutes because this fits in a regular class period. But if there is time available I answer questions and share my posters.”

- **“Economics 101”** – you will receive a better understanding of the financial state of affairs from this man!

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- Author of *“Wounded Soldier, Healing Warrior”* and public speaker Allen Clark, a West Point graduate who served in Vietnam as a covert army intelligence officer, has done extensive research and study on the origins, history, background, leaders, and current operational capabilities of the Islamic Jihadist Fundamentalists threatening the United States through internal covert operations and propagation of their ideology through a political movement. He also discusses in great detail the other lesser-known threat to the culture of the free world from infiltration of Islamic fundamentalism through influence bought by petrodollars and what would be termed a peaceful methodology of Civilizational Jihad. He will discuss these topics and have available a bibliography and websites for independent audience study.

He has presented this topic at the National Security luncheon of the 2008 national meeting of the Military Order of the World Wars in Columbus, GA., and to numerous political, patriotic, veteran, military and service club meetings to include the Dallas and Annapolis, MD Rotary Clubs.

#### **The Honorable Allen Clark**

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Distinguished Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX. An active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty years (he retired in 2000 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel), Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as a senior legal advisor to the United States Army's Special Forces. As an internationally recognized authority on national security law, terrorism law and human rights law, Professor Addicott not only lectures and participates in professional and academic organizations both in the United States and abroad, but he is also a frequent contributor to national and international news shows to include FOX News Channel and MSNBC. Professor Addicott is a prolific author, publishing over 20 books, articles, and monographs on a variety of legal topics. Addicott's most recent book (2010) is edition entitled: Terrorism Law: Cases, Materials, Comments, 6th edition. (*may request travel expenses*)

- **History of the GOP, author and speaker, Michael Zak** – usually requires travel expenses, opportunity to sell books, perhaps speaker's fee. (Spoke to TFRW a few years ago and VERY well received – GREAT Special Events speaker, like Lincoln/Reagan Day events.)  
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- **Mel Birdwell** is the wife of [Lt. Col. \(Ret.\) Brian Birdwell](#), a survivor of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Because 60 percent of her husband's body was covered with burns (nearly half of them were third-degree), Mel knows his survival is a miracle. She stayed by her husband's side as he underwent more than 30 operations and months of multiple skin grafts, physical therapy and recovery. Although it was difficult to be away from their son during this period, the family remained solid because of their devotion to God and to each other. In June 2002, Mel was presented with the fourth annual Robertson McQuilkin Award for Commitment to Marriage by Family Life, an international family outreach organization at work in over 100 countries. She was honored for her strong devotion to her marriage and for her dedication to seeing her husband's health fully restored. The Birdwells have one golden retriever, Hayley, and currently reside in Manassas, Virginia. Together, Brian and Mel have founded Face the Fire, an organization that reaches out to burn victims and their families. For more information, visit [www.facethefire.org](http://www.facethefire.org).
- **Mark Andrew Olsen** (719)304-1993 and/or [momanitoid98@gmail.com](mailto:momanitoid98@gmail.com).  
 The author of Animal Colony, which Republican and conservative leaders have called the novel that could save America, is traveling throughout Texas speaking on the book. Novelist Mark Andrew Olsen has an entertaining and informative speech entitled, *How Novels Have Saved America, and How One Could Again*. It whisks audiences through 150 years of stories rising from nowhere to literally save our country. And it introduces audiences to a practical, harmless way they can win the hearts and minds of their liberal-minded in their lives. He can travel throughout the state, and speaks from 20 to 45 minutes, based on your need. May request travel expense reimbursement and requests that he be able to sell his books.

**PROGRAMS A-Z, from Becky Berger, TFRW DD and SREC, SD 18**

- [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org) has a speaker's bureau on the website
- Texans for Lawsuit Reform welcome the opportunity to visit you clubs
- NRA has a good program and can be offered during hunting season to get the guys out Howard Nemerov will speak on your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights contact him by email at [AustinGunRights@austin.rr.com](mailto:AustinGunRights@austin.rr.com)

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- e. Judges make good speakers because most citizens do not know or understand the responsibilities and limits of these positions.
- f. Cynthia Dunbar gives an excellent speech on the Constitution and our legal system.
- g. Former Chief Justice Ken Law is Past President, The Rock Art Foundation, located in San Antonio: The Rock Art Foundation is an archeological conservation organization interested in the Indian rock art sites that exist near the junction of the Pecos and Rio Grande rivers at Comstock, TX. [www.rockart.org](http://www.rockart.org)
- h. Find a local Texas Author to speak at your meeting. Often there are “unknown” talents in your midst. Most of them never started out to do this and have a real appreciation for words. This is a good program to combine with the Young Republicans still in school.
- i. Fashion shows with the latest male and female patriotic apparel are fun-fundraisers. Instead of salads serve chicken fried steak to get the guys involved and have them model with the ladies.
- j. Put on a membership drive with little booths that describe the different committees, campaign activities and how to participate then follow up with a hot dog bar, chili, cheese & sauerkraut.
- k. Provide child care for the meetings so young mothers can attend without disrupting the meeting. Use teenagers that have taken the babysitting certification course at school.
- l. Fundraisers can be a program so you don’t have duplicate meetings in one month.
- m. Try a Skeet Shoot competition with your local firearms instructor or law enforcement – or consider going as a group to get your Concealed Handgun License!
- n. Invite an official from the Republican Party of Texas [www.txgop.org](http://www.txgop.org)
- o. Lawyers with expertise in eminent domain make a big draw and are very educational
- p. Doctors to talk about the way insurance and the government effect your treatment
- q. Invite a farmer or rancher you know is knowledgeable about animal ID, how it works, what it would cost and the long term effects of yet another tax
- r. Invite a Border Patrol agent to speak on the difficulties with illegal aliens in Texas
- s. Have members of the School Board, Water Board or Emergency Services Board come to speak about their position and how it benefits or negatively affect the community
- t. Bring in a travel agent to discuss foreign travel, shots, passports and terrorist threats
- u. Include naturalized citizen as speakers, they will tell you what they had to do to become a US citizen and what it means to them.
- v. Recruiters for the Armed Services or Veterans also are good programs. Their experiences are often riveting for the membership to hear.
- w. If you have an essay contest use one program for the awards and have your winners read their essays.
- x. You can always invite Republican elected official, you need to be flexible and patient but extremely tenacious. **They get lots of requests to speak so keep asking until they show up.**
- y. Your County Extension officer can provide a program on what their office has available to citizens. Many times we don’t use the services our tax dollars provide for us.
- z. Educating others starts with us, go over the party platform and discuss how it is formed, who has input, and how the State platform differs from the National and compared to the democrat platform. You will be so glad you’re a Republican!

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