

FAMILY, POLITICS, AND THE POWER OF A NEWSLETTER

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Growing up in the household of a small business owner, politics was always discussed around the dinner table—always. My parents were never Democrat or Republican, they just always supported the candidate who was doing the best job in leaving them alone to live their lives in freedom. I guess this concept rubbed off on me.

My first experience with groups that were involved in politics was when I was about a sophomore in high school. My great aunt (*you know, every family has that one person that you call during election time to see who you need to vote for*) would bring over to our house newsletters that had been typed out on a typewriter and mailed from Phyllis Schlafly and *Eagle Forum* to an aunt. When my aunt finished reading them, she would then give them to me to read. Those early newsletters educated me, a young curious girl, about what was happening in the world of politics beyond the cotton fields of West Texas.

I never forgot the lessons I learned from those early writings of Mrs. Schlafly and when my husband went to work in Washington, DC for the *Department of Agriculture*, I was able to see the problems that she addressed in full-color. From that time on, I became involved in politics. After returning home to Texas, I got involved with state politics and the rest is history.



Having been involved in party politics and national/state/local campaigns for years, I decided three sessions ago to go to Austin during session to see for myself what was happening. The things I learned and observed have changed

my life forever and have caused me to become committed even more to informing other Texans about what I have come to know and continue to see.

I am now the Executive Director of **Lone Star Voice** that is dedicated to engaging citizens in their government and educating them about what is happening under the pink dome in Austin. I have been a *Republican County Chairman* for 13 years and I am a regional director for the *Texas Republican County Chairman's Association*. I have served on the *Credentials Committee* and *Rules Committee* for four of the last five Republican State conventions.

The most important job that God has given, though, is being a wife and home school mom of three. When all of this politicking is over, my family is where I have the most influence in my life.

When you see what is going on in our country and you think that there is nothing that you can do to make a difference, just remember this thought:

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”

~ Edward E. Hale

Thankful for my great aunt – the aunt who did what she could.

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