



Meet our March 2014 Speaker

Troy Fraser
Texas State Senator District 24

Born August 10, 1949, in Abilene, Fraser was raised in the small West Texas town of Coahoma. He attended Angelo State University and the University of Texas at Arlington. His wife, Linda, and he have three children and four grandchildren.

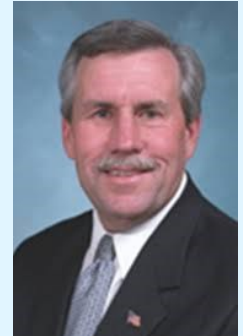
Troy Fraser was elected in 1996 to serve Senate District 24, a 17-county region that is located in the geographic center of Texas.

Senator Fraser serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. This committee handles the flow of legislation in a number of policy areas, including water resources, air quality, oil and gas, waste, and parks and wildlife.

Senator Fraser also sits on the following standing Senate committees: Economic Development, State Affairs, and Nominations. Since his election in 1996, Senator Fraser has been consistently ranked by leading organizations as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Senate for his voting record on fiscal and social issues. For his pro-business, pro-Texas voting record during the 2007 legislative session, he was named a "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business. Texans for Fiscal Responsibility awarded Fraser the Taxpayers' Advocate Award in 2009. Senator Fraser has been recognized for his outstanding leadership and received numerous awards. In 2006, Senator Fraser was named the top Legislator in the nation by the American Legislative Exchange Council, the association for state legislators, as a result of Fraser's landmark legislation passed in the areas of telecommunications, electricity deregulation, renewable energy, and property and casualty insurance. In 2008, Fraser received the "Wind Champion Legacy" award from The Wind Coalition for his vision in enacting state policy that allowed for the growth of the wind industry.

In 2011, the Texas Farm Bureau chose Fraser to receive the inaugural True Agricultural Champion award for his legislative work on groundwater rights. Also in 2011, he was presented with the Jack Griesenbeck Leadership in Regionalism award by the Capital Area Council of Governments for his leadership in collaborative, pro-active ways to address the critical challenges of water and drought in Central Texas.

Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 1996, Senator Fraser served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, from 1988 to 1992. As a member of the Texas House, Fraser was named the 1991 National Republican Legislator of the Year and honored by the Texas State Chamber for his work as co-sponsor of the 1989 workers' compensation reform legislation. Senator Fraser is a longtime business, civic and Republican Party leader.



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After leaving the office of Justice in the Supreme Court of Texas, Dale Wainwright thought about running for Attorney General. However, there were three very good reasons why he decided not to: Family, Family, and Family. As a judge the sacrifices he made affected his whole family.

His topic for our meeting was "The Judicial Races". The Texas Supreme Court is well regarded as a conservative court. It means that judges are NOT policy makers, they write opinions that respect the public opinion. Our Supreme court is, and has been for many years, pro-life and for marriage between a man and a woman. 17 States have changed the definition of marriage and the courts have made the decisions. Tort reform in Texas has resulted in frivolous law suits diminishing in number. Social liberals do not like prayers in school. These are a few of the issues at stake.

The Democrats are coming after the Supreme Court of Texas and it is very important that we re-elect the Republican candidates: Jeff Boyd, unopposed in the primary but against Gina Benavides in the general election. Nathan Hetch who will be opposed in the primary by former State Representative Robert Talton. The Democratic candidate will be Bill Moody. Phil Johnson will be opposed in the primary by Sharon McCally. There is not a Democratic candidate at the moment. Jeff Brown, appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Perry on September 2013 will be opposed by Joe Pool in the primary. The Democratic candidate will be Lawrence Meyers who has recently switched from the Republican Party ????? Both Robert Talton and Sharon McCally have received 100% support from trial lawyers.

There is some good information on Republican Supreme Court candidates backed up by Democrats at <http://www.tortreform.com> - Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

He ended by asking us to get the Vote Out to keep our state conservative.

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