



**Meet our October 20th Speaker**

**Paul Workman**

**Texas State Representative District 47**

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State Representative Paul D. Workman has served the people of House District 47 in the Texas House of Representatives since January 2011. House District 47 includes most of western Travis County as well as portions of southern Travis County.

Representative Workman serves as Vice Chairman of the House Select Committee on State & Federal Power & Responsibility. He also serves as a member of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Insurance. Representative Workman serves by appointment on The Energy Council, which helps facilitate the development of national energy policy matters among the Southwestern states.

Representative Workman has been named a "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Associated Builders and Contractors, a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business, a "Courageous Conservative" by the Texas Conservative Coalition, and a "Lone Star Conservative Leader" by the Texas Conservative Roundtable. In 2013, Representative Workman was named Legislator of the Year by the Real Estate Council of Austin.

Representative Workman earned a B.S. in Building Construction from Texas A&M University in 1973 before joining the U.S. Army Reserves where he retired at the rank of Captain after 10 years of service in an engineer line company. Representative Workman is a forty year construction professional, owning his own construction company for most of that time. He is a Certified Professional Estimator.

A Rotarian since 1976, Representative Workman has been active in several civic organizations, including Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse. In 2008 he served as Chairman of the Board of the Texas Building Branch of the Associated General Contractors.

Representative Workman and his wife Sherry have two children and six grandchildren and are active members of the Pedernales River Fellowship.



**Happy Halloween**

Chief Justice Jeff Rose introduced Cindy Olson Bourland who was appointed by Rick Perry to the Third Court of Appeals and sworn by Governor Gregg Abbott in January.

She is a 5th generation Texan descendant of Swedish immigrants. She grew up in a ranch in Round Rock where she still lives. Before her appointment she was in private practice specializing in Ranching and Business Law and her late husband was a DPS officer in Williamson County.

She went on to talk about the Third Court of Appeals which seats over 24 counties and sees all trial cases with appeals both civil and criminal. The last place for a criminal appeal would be the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals composed of a Presiding Judge and 8 Justices.



She mentioned the relevance of letting people know the importance of the court. Nowadays it is 100% Republican and Conservative and it needs to stay this way. Cindy will be in the ballot in 2016 (to keep the two years left on her appointment) and so far she has not heard of any opponent for the primary. She will have to run again on the 2018 election. Even though 23 of the 24 counties are Republican, she needs 40% of the votes in Travis County to win.

The Third Court of Appeals holds court on Wednesdays. They work on panels of 3 which allows them to work on more cases. They read briefs (which are NOT brief) and then the lawyers are given 20 minutes per side to discuss the issue. The judges look were the law applied correctly and ask questions to the lawyers about the case.

Working as a Justice is very different that having a private practice. It is a somewhat secluded office environment to read and think about the cases.

By the time they hear a case it has already gone through local court, local appeal court, etc.

They handle property rights cases.

When asked if there is a limit on the number of cases that are appealed she said that lawyers are not supposed to file frivolous cases and it is up to the attorneys to decide if a case is worth it to go to the Appeals court.

Their fiscal year is from September 1st to August 31st. Cases can not be taken in until all the documents have been introduced to the court and that is why lawyers keep asking for extensions.

Rosemary Edwards commented on the importance of referring Cindy as well as Melissa Goodwin (who is also for re-election) to other non political organizations to educate people on the significance of having a Conservative Court.

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