

Shepperd e-Leader: Leadership Requires Risks

New Council Leadership

The ballots are in and there is no recount! State Representative **David Farabee** has been elected to serve as the new Chair of the Shepperd Leadership Institute's

"Inherent to leadership is the process of mentoring and developing those same leadership skills in others. It is precisely this philosophy that drives the programs of the Shepperd Leadership Institute, and why I am so proud to be part of the Advisory Council." -Representative Farabee Advisory Council. Joining Rep. Farabee at the helm is newly-elected Vice-Chairman, **Frank Morgan**. Both men have tirelessly served the council for a number of years.

David Farabee is a native of Wichita

Falls, Texas and is serving his fifth term in the Texas House of Representatives. He is currently Vice President and Partner of Boley-Featherston Insurance Agency in Wichita Falls and has earned the professional designations of LUTCF and Chartered Life Underwriter.

In addition to his service with the Shepperd Institute, Representative Farabee serves the community of Wichita Falls on a number of boards, committees and through hands-on participation.

He continues his family heritage with his dedication to his family and to public service. He is the second son of former State Senator, and former Vice-Chancellor and General Council for the University of Texas System, Ray Farabee and the late Helen Farabee, who is known statewide for her work with Texas' mental health laws and health care reform. David is married to Terri, who is a practicing registered nurse and they have three children, Worth, Nancy and Russell.

Frank Morgan is Executive Manager of Community Services for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), a Texas public service agency that provides energy, water and community services in and around Central Texas without tax dollars. Mr. Morgan oversees LCRA's Community Services programs, which include a system of 40 parks and three natural science centers, community and economic development programs, an environmental laboratory, water surface management and public safety. expertise includes economic His development strategy and program

"Early in my career I was involved in training and worked with a number of people who supposedly provided leadership training to management. As I got more experience I realized that providing leadership training when someone was already a leader or manager seemed a little ludicrous. It made more sense to me to provide leadership training to someone before they were put into those positions and to give them hands on, or on-the-job training experiences to supplement what they were learning. That's what I see the JBS forums doing and that's why I am proud to serve on the Board.

-Frank Morgan

implementation, budget development and oversight, leadership training and development, customer service, human resources and land management. John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute

Even if You are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

-Will Rogers

Dare to risk public criticism

-Mary Kay Ash

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Book review:

Founding Mothers The Women Who Raised Our Nation

Cokie Roberts is a reporter, not a historian. As such, she brings a fresh and innovative approach in writing about the women who stood behind and supported their men and in general, kept the "home fires burning" while the framers of the Declaration of Independence debated, discussed, and disagreed about how and when and what to do about the relationship between England and America. Many of these women you will recognize immediately-Abigail Adams, Martha Washington. Others will possibly be new to you, but their contribution was vital and without the suffering and sacrificing of all of these women, the outcome of the war could have been very different.

Roberts draws on numerous here-to-fore unpublished letters, diaries, and other sources to reveal the emotions, the hardships, and the strength and determination of the women of the pre-Revolution days in America. The stories are funny, frightful, and hopeful. Mrs. Adams often writes of her dismay in "John's lack of affection in…letters," Mrs. Washington tells of numerous days consoling the troops and darning socks, and Mercy Otis Warren recounts her influence on the very document which sealed our freedom and our fate.

Roberts writes with an entertaining and empathic style while conveying a strong sense of the important role of each woman. She is also the author of **We Are Our Mother's Daughters** and **Ladies of Liberty**, both of which also delve into the important contributions of the legacy of the women who helped shape our nation.

> Publisher: Perennial ISBN: 006009026X \$14.95--paperback Cokie Roberts

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