Newsletter for April 2017



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The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.

-- John E. Southard



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CCRW Presidents Message

April 2017

Spring has sprung! More daylight hours, how wonderful! More pollen in the air, not so wonderful!

It seems there are two sides to most everything.

I am so thankful that Donald Trump, a man whose goal is America first, is President of our great nation. It is unfortunate that he must contend with appointees from previous administrations, and those from his own party, who block his every effort to reach his goal. We are a land of differing opinions, but even those people who claim they are conservatives must come together if we are to

succeed. America is the most giving, compassionate country on the planet. We welcome people from all over the globe who have come here and chosen to participate in the great American dream. As Americans, we not only ask but require that they enter by following the process legally. It is hard to listen to the 24- hour news cycle spewing nonsense from those whose sole purpose is to bring down the administration. This is the best country in the world and, God willing, President Trump will make it even better. When America leads, the whole world benefits. On a local issue, I encourage everyone to attend our luncheon meeting on April 7th (More information about it below). Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of CCISD will be our guest speaker. He will be talking about the upcoming school bond. We encourage you to come and hear him share some important information and ask him questions. You will receive valuable information so you can make an educated decision when voting.

I wish all of you allergy sufferers a calm Spring!

Sincerely,

Lillian Murphy, CCRW President



April Guest Speaker

Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Greg Smith became the Clear Creek Independent School District superintendent of schools

in January 2008. He was named the Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards in 2012, named the top administrator by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, Superintendent of the Year for the Texas PTA, and named the Galveston County Daily News Community Champion in 2013.

Dr. Smith has led the Clear Creek Independent School District and its 5,000 employees on a journey to transform education in the 21st Century. Under his superintendence, student performance has increased in all state indicators as well on college entrance exams. Today, the Clear Creek Independent School District is considered

one of the largest high performing school districts in Texas. Dr. Smith is Co-Chair of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium, State Board Member of Texas PTA, a member of the Space Center Rotary Club and the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP). In 2014, Clear Creek ISD was a finalist for the HEB Excellence in Education Award and TASA Honor Board Award. In 2013, Clear Creek ISD voters overwhelmingly approved a \$367 million school construction bond that led to the 1:1 tablet initiative known as Latitude 2 Learn. Dr. Smith earned his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Oakland University, master's degree in Education Administration from University of Houston Clear Lake, and his doctorate in Education Administration from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Smith and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of two daughters and one granddaughter.





Get your free ice cream at the front entrance, help yourself as you leave!

CCRW Monthly Meeting, doors open at 11 AM La Brisa on the Creek

501 N Wesley Dr. League City, TX 281-554-4000

Choose one of the following:

1 Fish Tacos Served with refried beans and Mexican style rice (\$15)

#2 Chicken fajitas served with refried beans and Mexican style rice (\$15)

#3 Chips, red and green salsa, iced tea, or soft drink (\$5)

We appreciate you making your reservation(s) in a timely manner and they are required, please. If you are making reservations for someone else please provide their name(s) for our reservations list. We do not want to miss anyone.

Contact Fay Picard 281-507-0928 or reservations.ccrw@gmail.com

Please select choice #1, #2, or #3 on your reservation by 9:30p.m. April 4th. We are only able to order from this menu. If you have a food allergy, please feel free to email me and I will try to accommodate you. Please note: cancellations are available up to 9:30 pm on the Tuesday before our meetings on Friday. You will be sent a bill for the amount of the reservation made and did not attend. Thank you for your understanding in this very important matter. We also want to thank all of you who continue to make reservations by the deadline.

Publicity and Social Media

Hopefully you have joined the buzz by joining CCRW on our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/ ClearCreekRepublicanWomenClub/

If not, please feel free to request to be added to our group page. Please note that we only allow posts that are of the non-opinion nature and don't demean others. Further, this isn't a business networking group so please don't push out posts that are for your specific business unless it is of the candidate nature. We are happy to help promote, by posting on our FB page, your Republican local events.

Please share our Facebook page and events with your friends by sharing it to your personal profile and invite your friends to our monthly CCRW meetings.



CCRW Campaign Activities

Hours for 1st Quarter 2017

Please report your volunteer hours from $1^{\rm st}$ Quarter 2017 (January through end of March) to my email address below.

Melissa Johnson, <u>texasjohnson@hotmail.com</u>, Or call 281-389-8245.





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Calendar of Events

2017 SPRING MEETING CALENDAR

April 6 Legislative Day (all day event) in Austin, Texas

April 7 CCRW Monthly meeting at La Brisa Restaurant 11:00am-1:00pm

Guest speaker-Dr. Greg Smith, CCISD Superintendent

April 16 Eastei

May 5 CCRW Monthly meeting at La Brisa Restaurant 11:00 am-1:00 pm, guest speaker TBA



News Flash! CCRW will be having a lunch meeting in JUNE, same time and place

(more info to come) We will *NOT* be meeting in July and August.

MEETING CALENDAR FOR AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN CLUBS

Bay Area Republican Women—————4th Wednesday of the month - Bay Oaks Country Club Friendswood Republican Women————4th Thursday of the month - Friendswood Chamber Galveston Republican Women————3rd Wednesday of the month - Moody Gardens

What does "being saved" mean?

It can mean different things to different people. You may read the Bible and develop a certain belief about "being saved". It might mean you have to do or not do certain things. Someone else may learn that they only have to believe in Jesus. There is not enough room in this small space to completely cover all the different ways people think being saved

means. It has been and will continue to be a subject of discussion, debate, controversy and probably wars. If you thought I would have a conclusion then I will disappoint you. So why even bring up the subject? A much more important question should be, is Jesus your savior?

Chaplain's Message by Mary O. Blackwell



April Birthdays

4/1 Mary Kennedy 4/1 Jack Roady 4/1 Bonnie Wilson 4/10 Margaret Spry



FYI to members, submit your personal announcements of births, weddings, get-wells, etc. to Kellie Gross at baseballkellie@yahoo.com

Membership

Thank you to those who attended the Kendra Scott Event and enjoyed getting their 15% off! We had a great crowd and we had a lot of fun!

Please remember to renew your 2017 CCRW Membership! We need you, we want you. Join us for our next monthly meeting and submit your dues for 2017.

We will continuing to take membership applications throughout the year, if you have not had a chance to sign up for 2017. I will have the current list of members at the April 7th general meeting, if you would like for us to check for your name.

Kari Long 1st VP Membership



Texas Legislative Update

By Kathie Nenninger CCRW Legislation Chairman

Ever wonder how you can connect with the Texas Legislature to find out what is happening with a bill that you are interested in?

Now is the time to follow committee meetings to shape legislation in the future. You can check calendars for meetings, sign up for alerts regarding the committees you follow. You can even watch committee hearings from your computers or your mobile devices. See the links below to the House and Senate Committee pages.

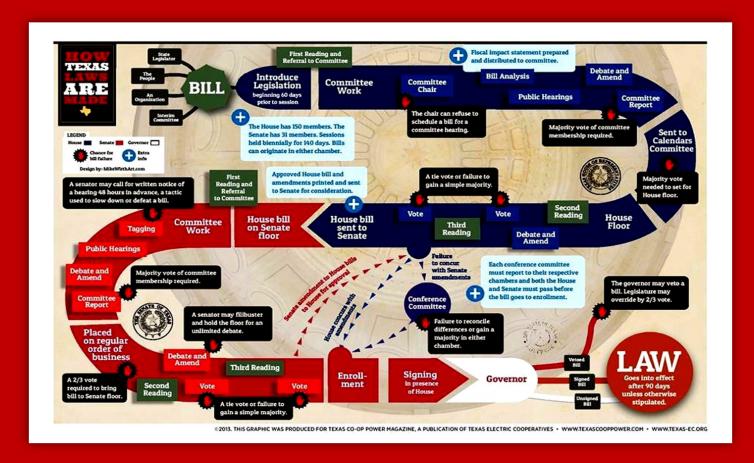
Texas Legislature Online: http://www.legis.state.tx.us/MnuMyTLO.aspx

House Committee Meeting Information: http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Committees/MeetingsHouse.aspx

Senate Committee Meeting Information: http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Committees/MeetingsSenate.aspx

Texas House Online http://www.legis.state.tx.us/MnuHouse.aspx Website for the Texas House of Representatives. This site provides access to audio and video broadcasts for house chamber proceedings and committee hearings, biographical information, newsletters, and news releases. Texas Senate Online http://www.senate.state.tx.us/ Website for the Texas Senate. This site provides access to audio and video broadcasts for senate chamber proceedings and committee hearings, biographical information, newsletters, news releases, and a kid's page.

How Texas Laws Are Made



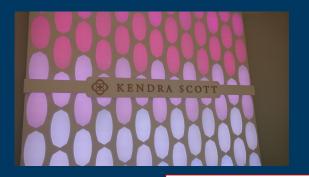
CCRW March 3, 2017 CCRW Brag Board







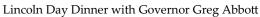
March Guest Speaker Judge Patricia Grady with Lillian Murphy and Fay Picard





Kendra Scott event March 21st







Clear Creek Republican Women's Club

General Meeting

March 3, 2017

11:30am

Call to order: A general meeting of the Clear Creek Republican Women's Club, was held on 3/3/17. The meeting convened at 12:07pm, President Lillian Murphy presiding, and Alison Putman, Secretary. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Jack Roady, Galveston County District Attorney

Pledges to the Flags: Jimmy Fullen, Galveston County Constable

Introduction of Guests: 4 guests

Acknowledgement of elected officials and candidates:

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Fay Picard and seconded by Bonnie Wilson to accept the February 2017 meeting without correc-

tion. Motion carried.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's Report \$13,354.80 beginning balance (1/1/17)

Crissy Cruse \$ 13,129.80 new balance (1/31/17)

Committee reports:

Membership-

Dues for 2017 are due! \$25 for full membership, \$15 for associate.

Membership Mixer @ Kendra Scott Jewelry on March 21

Legislative-

Check out videos of committee hearings, Senate hearing assignments have been made, Representative assignments coming soon. Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day April 6.

Lunch & Learn- Bianca Gracia, RPT Hispanic <u>DI-ME</u> ('tell me' in Spanish). Bianca told of the new Hispanic Outreach initiative by RPT and how her first meetings doing outreach unfolded. Great presentation which could be offered for anyone wanting to do Hispanic outreach in their community.

Speaker: Patricia Grady, District Judge, 212th, presented an in-depth look at the parallels between the Women's Sufferagette Movement of the late 1800's and women's rights under current Sharia Law. Make no mistake, Sharia Law is being practiced in the United States. Several current cases of Sharia Law presented and implications for the future discussed.

Old business: None conducted New business: None conducted

Announcements:

Lincoln-Reagan Dinner tomorrow, March 4. Fay Picard is looking for silent auction items.

Ads for the CCRW Member Directory are available. Call Mary Kennedy for details.

TFRW Legislative Day April 6, 2017

TFRW is offering amnesty for volunteer hours not turned in from July 2015 to today.

When is next meeting: April 7, 2017

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Alison Putman, Secretary, CCRW



Clear Creek Republican Women PAC Galveston County, Texas 2017 Membership Application

Name	Spouse
Mailing Address	Precinct #
City	Zip
Phone Numbers (H)	(Cell)
Email	
Occupation	Birthday (Month/day)
Full Member \$25.00 **	New Member Renewal* *Member since
Associate Member \$15.00	member since
Member of another RW Club?Yes No	If yes, name of club
How did you hear about CCRW? Newspaper(name) Friend(name)	
I would like to help with the following (Please check AuditsAwards By-Laws CCRW Dir LegislationNewsletter Community Outropy Fundraising Website Hobbies/Areas/Topics of Interest/Comments	rectory Historian Hospitality each Parliamentarian Publicity
Please mail membership Cindy Reddy, CCRW PAC Treasurer, P.O.	application and check to: Box 2171, League City, Texas 77574
Date PaidCheck#	CashAmt. Paid

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