

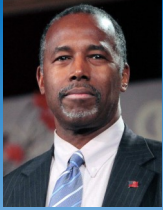


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I think one of the keys to leadership is recognizing that everybody has gifts and talents. A good leader will learn how to harness those gifts toward the same goal.

Ben Carson M.D.

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CCRW Presidents Message

May 2017



What a wonderful time Loretta Roberts, Fay Picard and I had at Legislative Day in Austin! There was a sea of red jackets in the House and Senate galleries. It was great talking with like-minded women from across the state. Texas ladies are the best!

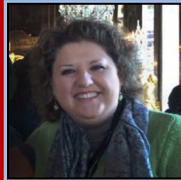
Later in the day we got to tour the Governor's Mansion. We learned lots of history and interesting facts while indulging on delicious sweets and Mansion Ice Tea. We also got our picture taken with Mrs. Abbott! What an extraordinary day.

Our 2017 Directory is finally ready! Be sure to get yours when you check in at the luncheon on Friday. I want to sincerely thank everyone who pitched in to get this project finished; Mary Kennedy, Fay Picard, Loretta Roberts, Kari Long and Tim Paulison. Thank you to all who purchased ads.

Join us for the May 5th luncheon. I assure you will receive some great information. We are proud to announce our new website has gone live thanks to Kristen Wilson our very own website guru. Best of all you can RSVP for the luncheon at <http://www.clearcreekrw.org>

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful moms out there. Blessings to all!

Lillian Murphy, CCRW President



May Guest Speaker

"Immigration & Naturalization at the Turn of the Century"

Doryn Danner Glenn

Director of Governmental Affairs,
Galveston County District Clerk

Doryn Danner Glenn was born and raised in Galveston, graduating from Ball High School in 1984. All of her children are third generation students at that school.

She attended Galveston College, 1984-1985 and went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with double majors in History and Sociology. Glenn also attended the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University graduating in May of 1992 with a Juris Doctor.

After graduation, she returned to Galveston to practice law in the Office of James Schweitzer. She later went on to practice with Yarbrough, Jameson and Gray, specializing in Family Law. In 2002, she started a family law section for Mills, Shirley, Eckel and Bassett Law Offices.

In 2007, Glenn left private practice and began her career in judicial support in the Galveston County District Clerk's office, serving in a number of roles and as the District Clerk in 2012. She currently serves as the Director of Governmental Affairs for District Clerk John D. Kinard.

She held a variety of offices in local groups and organizations: President of the Galveston County Bar Association, the Galveston County Young Lawyers Association and the Junior League of Galveston County, Texas. She is a charter member of the Galveston County Adoption Day Foundation, currently serving as the Treasurer and the Event Chair. An active member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Galveston, Glenn most recently served as the Director of Christian Education. Doryn is also the Secretary of the Innovation and Entrepreneur Community at Ball High School and Treasurer of the Ball High Band Booster Club. Glenn is married to a local attorney, Bill Glenn, and the proud mother of two beautiful children: Bailey, a sophomore at the University of Texas Austin and Jackson, a sophomore at Ball High School.



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Calendar of Events

2017 SPRING MEETING CALENDAR

- May 5 CCRW Monthly meeting at La Brisa Restaurant 11:00 am-1:00 pm, guest speaker will be Doryn Danner Glenn, presenting "Immigration and Naturalization at the Turn of the Century".
- May 18 CCRW Monthly Board meeting 10:00 am at Judge Mark Henry's office, Pecan St.
- June 2 CCRW Monthly meeting at La Brisa Restaurant 11:00 am-1:00 pm, guests will be the Black Cowboys from Texas City.

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

Chaplain's Message by Mary O. Blackwell

Most of us have not walked in the shoes of a missionary and traveled to far away places to witness and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. It may be a bit daunting when someone does it for the first time. You may be well equipped with all the right scriptures, just in case they ask... Just imagine yourself going to a place like India, Africa or South America. You very likely do not speak the language, you do not know their customs and just thinking how to introduce yourself after knocking on the door, if

there is a door, could cause you to have sweaty palms.

Okay, you are safe, comfortable in your air-conditioned house with running water and a refrigerator with your favorite soft drink. But, maybe someday you will have the blessing of sharing the gospel with someone and it need not have to be far, far away. It could be much closer. Be brave, pray that God sends you to someone who needs to hear how much God loves them.



May Birthdays
Georgia Young 5/02
Kent Moss 5/30



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

Literacy Project 2017



We will continue our tradition in support of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy by collecting books to be donated to local libraries, schools and shelters. We will be collecting books at our meetings in May, June and September. The books will be distributed to the selected entities at our meeting in November. Please bring as many books as possible to be given to this worthy cause.

Roxanne Lewis
Literacy Chair



Texas Legislative Update

By Kathie Nenninger CCRW Legislation Chairman

TFRW Legislative Priorities

We are now two-thirds of the way through the legislative session, and committees are meeting late into the night to hear testimony on bills. In fact, both our District Attorney, Jack Roady and Bill Sargent were in Austin on Monday testifying at committee hearings. Member Evelyn Garland also testified at a hearing for dental hygienists a couple of weeks ago and attended another hearing on adoptions. We thank them for contributing to the process.

Below are some of the bills that TFRW has highlighted:

- HB 3903 (Burkett) and the Senate companion, SB 2191 (Huffman) are bills that address the issue of judges and judicial candidates being able to use money from their campaign accounts to donate to GPACs, such as TFRW clubs. HB 3903 is scheduled for a hearing in the General Investigating and Ethics Committee on Thursday, April 20. Please contact the members of that committee and your representative to ask for their support of this bill.

General Investigating and Ethics Committee: Chair: Rep. Sarah Davis, Vice Chair: Rep. Joe Moody

Members: Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, Rep. Poncho Nevárez, Rep. Four Price, Rep. Hugh Shine, Rep. Chris Turner

- SB 5, the photo voter ID. bill, was passed out of the Senate on March 28, and the Elections committee in the House passed it out on April 17. It will head to the House Calendars committee to await scheduling for floor debate. The committee also heard testimony on the House companion (HB 2481, P. King), but have chosen to move the Senate version. Please contact that committee and your own state representative to express support.

Calendars Committee: Chair: Rep. Todd Hunter, Vice Chair: Rep. Donna Howard.

Members: Rep. Roberto R. Alonzo, Rep. Trent Ashby, Rep. Byron Cook, Rep. Sarah Davis, Rep. Charlie Geren, Rep. Helen Giddings, Rep. Kyle J. Kacal, Rep. Ken King, Rep. Linda Koop, Rep. Poncho Nevárez, Rep. Chris Paddie, Rep. Dade Phelan, Rep. Toni Rose

- HB 25 (Simmons) and the Senate companion, SB 2175 (Hughes), deal with the elimination of one-punch straight-ticket voting. HB 25 passed out of the Elections committee in March and is currently before the Calendars committee. Please contact the members of that committee and your representatives to express support. The Senate companion awaits a hearing in Senate State Affairs; please contact that committee. *See below for a Resolution by TFRW.

Calendars Committee

Chair: Rep. Todd Hunter, Vice Chair: Rep. Donna Howard

Members: Rep. Roberto R. Alonzo, Rep. Trent Ashby, Rep. Byron Cook, Rep. Sarah Davis, Rep. Charlie Geren, Rep. Helen Giddings, Rep. Kyle J. Kacal, Rep. Ken King, Rep. Linda Koop, Rep. Poncho Nevárez, Rep. Chris Paddie, Rep. Dade Phelan, Rep. Toni Rose

At our May meeting, you will find preaddressed postcards on your table to write your own notes of support and/or special comments to your legislators on the bills that matter most to you. Be sure to include your name and address on the card. Remember to thank our legislators for all of their hard work!

This activity counts as "Campaign Activities Hours." Record and report your time, just like you would campaign hours during the election cycle.



Legislation...

Retired but still working for Galveston County

This month, I asked former Chief Deputy Clerk for Galveston County Elections, Bill Sargent, to tell us about his legislative efforts in working with State Representative, Wayne Faircloth on HB 1735 and to describe the process for us. The following is his report:

Thanks Kathie for asking me to contribute to your legislative newsletter. I'd like to give you, and your members, a little behind the scenes look at how bills move through the state legislature. I learned a long time ago that one needs to be quick on his/her feet when it comes to legislative initiatives. It's kind of like when I was the broker for a real estate company... some of our best deals were put together between midnight and 2 a.m. in the morning!

One of the bills we have been working on is HB 1735 which we asked State Representative Wayne Faircloth to carry for us. This bill does several things. First it gives the county election official, with the agreement of the party chair, the authority to remove, replace, or reassign election workers who are being disruptive or who willfully disregard the Texas election code. Second, it gives the county election official, again with the consent of the party chairs, standing ask for judicial review when an Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) wrongfully accepts or rejects absentee/provisional ballots for counting. One reason for this legislation is that we had an incident in a primary runoff where the Judge and Alternate Judge in a polling place were screaming and yelling at each other but we had no authority to remove, replace or reassign either of them. We ended up working with both parties and bluffed our way through the incident. This bill attempts to provide a process for dealing with such situations. Another reason for this legislation: in a local entity election three people voted Voter ID-related provisional ballots. All three of these voters went to the Voter Registrar's office, presented an acceptable ID and "cured" their ballots. All of these should have been counted but were mistakenly rejected by the EVBB. When we discovered the mistake and wanted to go to a District Court Judge to correct this error we were told we did not have "standing." This bill changes that.

Now for a behind the scenes look! After I left my position as Chief Deputy Clerk for Galveston County Elections this bill was scheduled for a hearing in Austin. Regardless, this bill was our legislation and so I headed for the state Capitol. While traveling to Austin I learned there was a last minute objection to the language in the measure. So, while driving at 70 miles per hour down I-10, I started making phone calls to the various stakeholders. After thirty minutes of discussions we were able to agree on some small language changes that addressed the objection. A couple of hours later I sat down with Wayne and his staff and went over the events of the morning. Wayne was agreeable to making the modifications and as a result when the bill came up for the hearing the bill had nobody testifying in opposition! It was a win-win for everybody and shows the need to be actively engaged in the process. The bill is currently in the Calendar Committee awaiting floor consideration. We have been working with the Senate committee which is fully on board for moving the bill once it is passed by the House. We are hopeful that Wayne's bill will be enacted this session.

Shepherding legislation can be a challenge but I've learned if you listen to objections and then seek to find viable alternatives addressing them -- while not giving up on the end goal -- much can be accomplished. And guess what? You can thoroughly enjoy the process at the same time! The bottom line it's about getting things accomplished!

How can we help? Please contact the Calendar Committee members and your own state representative to express support.

Calendars Committee

Chair: Rep. Todd Hunter

Vice Chair: Rep. Donna Howard

Members: Rep. Roberto R. Alonzo, Rep. Trent Ashby, Rep. Byron Cook, Rep. Sarah Davis, Rep. Charlie Geren, Rep. Helen Giddings, Rep. Ken King, Rep. Linda Koop, Rep. Poncho Nevarez, Rep. Chris Paddie, Rep. Dade Phelan, Rep. Toni Rose

Kathie Nenner, CCRW Legislation Chairman



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

Menu

- #1 *Shredded chicken enchiladas topped with verde sauce.
Mexican rice and refried beans (\$15)*
- #2 *Spicy Chipotle Chicken with Cilantro White Rice, Black Beans,
Pico de Gallo, Flour Tortillas (\$15)*
- #3 *Red and Green Salsa with choice of Iced Tea, or Soft Drink (\$5)*

Reservations 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](tel:281-507-0928) or reservations.ccrw@gmail.com

Please select choice #1, #2, or #3 on your reservation by 9:30p.m. Feb 27th. 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 in a timely manner.

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 Brag Board

CCRW April General Meeting 2017



Lillian Murphy, Loretta Roberts, Fay Picard, Debbie Roan enjoying the trip to Austin



Wayne Faircloth, Loretta Roberts in Austin for Legislative Day



Loretta Roberts, Lillian Murphy, Mrs. Greg Abbott, Fay Picard at Governor's mansion



Our Republican ladies touring our state capital, governor's mansion and attending the 2017 TFRW Legislative Day reception & luncheon



Clear Creek Republican Women's Club
General Meeting
April 7, 2017 12:00- 1:30pm

Call to order: A general meeting of the Clear Creek Republican Women's Club, was held on 4/7/17. The meeting convened at 12:00pm, President Lillian Murphy presiding, and Alison Putman, Secretary.
A quorum was present.

Invocation: Cindy Reddy, CCRW PAC Treasurer

Pledges to the Flags: Mark Henry, County Judge, Galveston County

Introduction of Guests: 7 new guests

Acknowledgement of elected officials and candidates:

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept the March 2017 meeting without correction. Motion carried.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's Report	\$14,189.80 beginning balance (2/1/17)
Chrissy Crews	\$14,342.55 new balance (2/28/17)

Committee reports:

Bylaws-

Motion by Loretta Roberts to accept changes to Article 8 Sec.1 as printed in newsletter. Second by Kari Long. Motion passes.

Lunch & Learn- "What's happening with the HealthCare Bill???? Legislative update from Brenda Weber on behalf of Congressman Randy Weber.

Speaker: Laura Dupont, substituting for Dr. Greg Smith of CCISD. Presentation of CCISD's whopping \$487 million Bond request for voters on May 6. Many factors influence this huge wish list offered by CCISD to build 3 new schools and repair every school campus in the district. District cites population growth, overcrowding, aging buildings and safety improvements as justification for taxing those living in the district.

CCRW President terminated questions at 1:10pm and adjourned the meeting early.

Respectfully Submitted by

Alison Putman
Secretary, CCRW



Memorial Day Observance

Memorial Day, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – **Memorial Day** was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of **Decoration Day**, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first **Decoration Day**, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moira Michael replied with her own poem:

*We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.*



She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Traditional observance of **Memorial Day** has diminished over the years and many Americans have forgotten the meaning and traditions of the day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored or neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades.

There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 1950s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years. To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. local time all Americans "voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of Remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps."

Credit owed to website at <http://www.usmemorialday.org/>



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 of another RW Club? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, name of club _____

How did you hear about CCRW? Newspaper(name) _____ Website (name) _____

Friend(name) _____ Other _____

I would like to help with the following (Please check all that interest you)

Audits ___ Awards ___ By-Laws ___ CCRW Directory ___ Historian ___ Hospitality ___

Legislation ___ Newsletter ___ Community Outreach ___ Parliamentarian ___ Publicity ___

Fundraising ___ Website ___

Hobbies/Areas/Topics of Interest/Comments _____

Please mail membership application and check to:
Cindy Reddy, CCRW PAC Treasurer, P.O. Box 2171, League City, Texas 77574

Date Paid _____	Check# _____	Cash _____	Amt. Paid _____
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