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As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.

Bill Gates



CCRW Presidents Message

October 2017



My hope is that this finds everyone affected by Harvey on the way to complete recovery. It is going to be a long haul. I pray that you find comfort and peace as you go through this process.

It is now officially Fall (not that you would notice by the temperature!) which means we will begin gearing up for the 2018 political season. Our fund raiser, "Food For Thought", that had been postponed has now been rescheduled for the evening of Friday, January 26th at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center. There will be more information to follow. It is going to be a really fun time and I hope everyone will participate.

You will also find news from Fay Picard concerning her travels to the National Federation of Republican Women's Convention in Philadelphia, PA. We were so fortunate to have Fay willing to take the time to attend this amazing event. While there, Fay picked up our Silver Achievement Award from NFRW. Congratulations to our hard working members that made this possible and to Bonnie Wilson for keeping track of all the points and getting the report to NFRW in a timely manner.

Next up is our regularly scheduled luncheon at La Brisa on Friday, October 6th. Representative Wayne Faircloth will be speaking about the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution and Commissioner Ken Clark will be talking about local issues. We will also have some tips on how to handle loses, resulting from Hurricane Harvey, on your tax returns. This will be a very informative meeting that you will not want to miss. You can easily RSVP by going to our website, (click on this following link) <http://www.clearcreekrw.org/event/caring-for-america-2017/>.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday!
Lillian Murphy
CCRW President

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October guest speakers



Representative Wayne Faircloth serves the Texas House of Representatives District 23, composed of Chambers and Galveston Counties.



Financial Manager/Controller with experience in Industrial Services, Oil & Gas, and Aerospace industries. Background

includes finance, accounting and business management duties with a track record of success working with companies facing rapid expansion. His experience includes: Tax, Forensic Accounting, Fraud Investigation, Internal accounting staff, Attestation services and other services.



Honorable Ken Clark is a senior member of Galveston County Commissioners court for Precinct 4.



Wayne Faircloth Biography

Representative Wayne Faircloth serves the Texas House of Representatives District 23, composed of Chambers and Galveston Counties. A fourth generation Texan, Representative Faircloth graduated from Sam Houston State University before becoming a teacher and a coach.

After his tenure as an educator, Representative Faircloth worked as a manufacturer's representative for Merck, Inc. at the University of Texas Medical Branch before starting his own business as a State Farm Agent in Dickinson, Texas.

Representative Faircloth has served on the Texas Pilots Commission, Galveston County Water District #1-Board of Directors, and Dickinson City Council.

During his first term, Representative Faircloth supported cutting taxes, making the border region safer, improving education, funding transportation, protecting life and defending Second Amendment rights. In the 84th Legislative Session, Representative Faircloth was appointed to the House Committee on Economic and Small Business Development, Rules and Resolution Committee and the House Committee on Special Purpose Districts.

During the interim, between sessions, Representative Faircloth was appointed to serve on The Energy Council, the Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

More recently, in the 85th Legislative Session, Representative Faircloth serves as Vice-Chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism. He also serves on the House Committee on Land and Resource Management, Rules and Resolution Committee, and the Select House Committee on Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure. In addition, Representative Faircloth is the Chairman of the House Manufacturing Caucus and treasurer of the House Energy Caucus.

He and his wife, Cheryl, are the proud parents of five children, grandparents of five grandchildren and currently reside on Galveston island.

Ken Clark Biography

As the senior ranking member of the Galveston County Commissioners' Court, Ken Clark has served the citizens of Precinct 4 for the past 18 years. Ken's leadership has drawn out the best of the community's resources and ideas. During his tenure, He proved instrumental in passing the 2000 and 2008 bond issues which funded many infrastructure projects including buildings, drainage and roads.

Ken has become the leading public official in Galveston County fighting for water conservation and infrastructure improvements like I-45, Hwy 146, Grand Parkway, Pelican Island Bridge and Coastal Surge Protection.

Prior to taking office in the County, Commissioner Clark managed Congressman Steve Stockman's successful 1994 campaign and served on Congressman Stockman's staff until 1996. He served as the lone Republican on the Commissioners' Court for over a decade before the historic 2010 elections. Ken has rooted himself in the grassroots in Galveston County for over two decades and is proud of his fight in delivering a smaller, more efficient fiscally responsible government – which has led to 7 consecutive tax cuts, an upgraded Bond rating of AAA, and a substantial reduction in County waste and spending.

In addition to his role as County Commissioner, Ken has served on the Urban Counties Policy Committee for 14 years; the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors and Transportation Policy Council for over 10 years and currently serves as second vice chair; the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership Political Protocol Committee for 16 years; Life member of the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, and the National Rifle Association. He is a Certified Permaculture Designer and enjoys gardening.

Publicity and Social Media

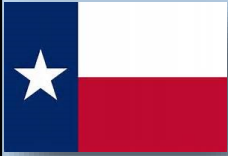
Hopefully you have joined the buzz by joining CCRW on our **Facebook** page.

<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.





Texas Legislative Update

By Kathie Nenninger CCRW Legislation Chairman

Please take a moment and become an informed voter. The following Constitutional Amendments will appear on the November 7, 2017 ballot

Explanatory Statements for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election from votetexas.gov

Please visit [Texas Legislature Online](http://TexasLegislatureOnline.com) home page to obtain further information.

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "**The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.**"

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 60)

SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "**The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads.**"

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 34)

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "**The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain office-holders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office.**"

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 6)

SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 100)

HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 37)

HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."**

Clear Creek Republican Women General Meeting September 8, 2017 12:00- 1:30pm

Call to order: A general meeting of the Clear Creek Republican Women's Club, was held on 9/8/17. The meeting convened at 12:00pm, President Lillian Murphy presiding, and Alison Putman, Secretary. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Mary Blackwell, **Pledges to the Flags, Introduction of Guests, Acknowledgement of elected officials and candidates**

Approval of minutes: Review of the June 2017 meeting minutes. Accepted without correction.

Treasurer's reports: Treasurer's Report \$13,305.74 beginning balance (6/1/17) Chrissy Crews \$12,271.74 new balance (6/30/17)

Committee reports:

Fundraiser Info: Due to Hurricane Harvey, Food for Thought will be postponed and a date will be determined.

Caring for America: Roxanne Lewis will continue with the Caring for America projects, but they will be postponed until next year spring.

Speaker: Texas Representative Greg Bonnen had planned to talk about legislative updates, but instead gave an update on the state of the county post Hurricane Harvey.

Adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Alison Putman Secretary, CCRW

Birthdays

September	28 Fay Picard
3 Matt Robinson	29 Rubye Brown
4 Carl Gustafson	October
6 Misty Sullivan	1 Grant Tugwell
10 Laura Jones	2 Paula Smith
13 Debbie Roan	4 Mary Blackwell
17 Jacquie Tugwell	4 Bob Blackwell
18 Mayes Middleton	6 Linda Cizek
18 Almeda Wallingford	12 Bill Sargent
19 Karlee Marcom	23 Lillian Murphy
22 Loretta Roberts	24 Kristen Wilson Day
22 Susan Spry	28 Diane Kierkhove

Melissa



Free ice cream at the front entrance, help yourself as you leave!

CCRW Monthly Meeting, doors open at 11 AM
La Brista on the Creek
 501 N Wesley Dr. League City, TX
 281-554-4000

Reservations are required please. [Contact Fay Picard 281-507-0928 or reservations.ccrw@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.ccrw@gmail.com) or You may also go to our website and make your reservations click here: <http://www.clearcreekrw.org/event/caring-for-america-2017/>

<p>Menu choices</p> <p>#1 Brisket tacos with Mexican rice and black beans</p> <p># 2 Grilled chicken with white wine, corn, mashed potatoes</p> <p>#3 Corn chips, iced tea or soda of choice</p>
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If you are making reservations for someone else please provide their name(s) for our reservations list. We do not want to miss anyone. Please select choice #1, #2, or #3 on your reservation by 9:30p.m. Oct 3rd. 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.

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October is
**Breast Cancer
Awareness Month**



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Mary Blackwell

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Mary Blackwell



Calendar of Events

2017 Fall Meeting Calendar

October 6, 2017 — — — CCRW Monthly Meeting 11:00 Doors open, 12:00 Mtg.

La Brisa Mexican Grill, League City

October 19-21 — — — — TFRW Convention, Omni Hotel, Dallas

October 26 — — — — — CCRW Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Judge Mark Henry's Conf. Room

November 3 — — — — — CCRW Monthly Meeting Election of 2018 Officers 11:00 Doors open, 12:00 Mtg.

November 16 — — — — — CCRW Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Judge Mark Henry's Conf. Room

December 8 — — — — — CCRW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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 San Luis Hotel Galveston

Chaplain's Message by Mary O. Blackwell

Our God will not let us, his children, suffer more than we can bear. This is one of the Lord's promises. Why and how is that possible? The loss, suffering and devastation we experienced, and witnessed in recent weeks has now become imbedded in our memories. So how do we move one? If you have a personal relationship with our most gracious God

then He will provide a way. When we say we have lost everything we have not lost the most important thing and that is our relationship with Him. Because He owns everything, He will, I truly believe, provide all that you need. You may not get your Lexus back but you will not go hungry. He sent his son to die on a cross to give you everlasting life so how could he not give you even more. Ask him.

CCRW Campaign Activities Hours for 2017

Remember to report your campaign volunteer hours! Consider reporting your hours now, while you're reading this!

Simply click the link, <http://www.clearcreekrw.org/>

and complete a short entry form at the bottom of the page - and you're done! Feel free to contact me with questions: Melissa Johnson, 281-389-8245, texasjohnson@hotmail.com .



Membership

Don't forget, we are currently having a special TFRW Membership Drive. Any New Member who signs up will only pay \$15 for the remainder of the year.

We LOVE our Members! If you are celebrating a new life event, milestone anniversary/ birthday, baby, wedding, new job, new homeowner, etc we would love to celebrate you! Please send any tidbits and pictures to 1st VP Membership, Kari Long, at kariplong@hotmail.com

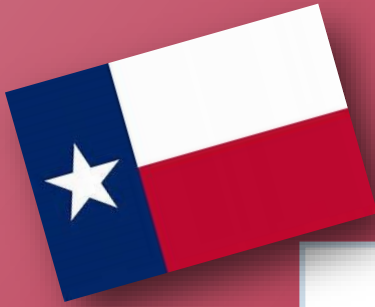
CCRW Brag Board

June Meeting



September Meeting

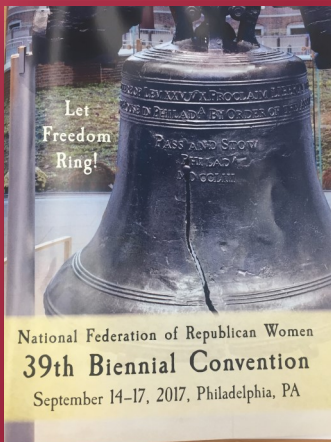
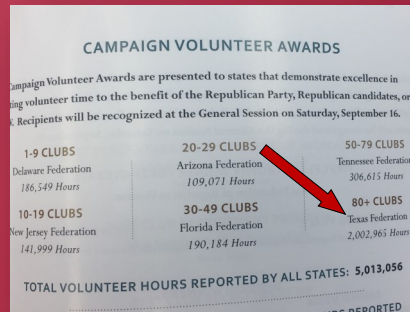




CCRW Brag Board

NFRW Convention September 2017

*CCRW sent Fay Picard as our delegate to Philadelphia
Thank you Fay for going the extra mile we are proud of you*



A personal note from Fay Picard: "I had a wonderful time in Philadelphia at the NFRW Convention. Thank you to Clear Creek Republican Women for asking me to be your Representative and Delegate for the convention. A huge Thank you to Dr. Bonnen for giving me the time attend. Congratulations to the New Slate of officers for 2018 -2019. Jody Rushton from Texas is the New President Elect. "



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Clear Creek Republican Women
September 17, 2017

National Federation of Republican Women Recognizes Local Club for Achievement

Award Bestowed During Biennial Convention

PHILADELPHIA – Clear Creek Republican Women won the Silver Award for Achievement during the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) 39th Biennial Convention held Sept. 14-17 in Philadelphia.

More than 425 awards were given out to clubs which demonstrated excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, programs and club functions over the past two years.

The NFRW Achievement Awards program is designed to enhance teamwork among members of each club, said NFRW Achievement Awards Chair Gwen Ecklund of Iowa. Using the Achievement Awards worksheet as a guide for planning club activities produces a well-balanced club program. It establishes standards of performance for club functions, membership development, programs, campaign activities and community relations.

“An outstanding number of clubs from across the country responded with entries in our biennial achievement awards program,” Ecklund said. “It’s great to recognize these clubs for their achievements, but it’s even more exciting to see the results of their focused programming and outreach in their communities that increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government. Reading the award applications confirms the impact NFRW members have in promoting the principles of freedom, equality and justice upon which our government is founded.”

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest and most influential Republican women's group in the nation, proudly representing the party that first made it possible for women to vote in the U.S. The NFRW works to increase the effectiveness and relevance of women in the cause of good government. Our mission remains to recruit and elect Republican candidates, promote the principles of the Republican Party, educate the public, and inform



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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