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# CCRW Newsletter

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## President's Message



**By LORETTA ROBERTS**

President, Clear Creek Republican Women

It was a beautiful Texas spring day for April 16<sup>th</sup>, Legislative Day 2015. The bluebonnets had faded, but the Indian paintbrush were at their most vibrant. Even more vibrant was the “sea of red” arriving in Austin that day as over 600 Republican women from all over Texas flooded the capitol city. In the hotels, I could hear guests say, “What is all that red about?”

The day proved what it was all about. Clear Creek Republican Women Paula Smith, Mary Horn, Roxann Lewis, Lillian Murphy, Fay

Picard and I had informative meetings with Representative Greg Bonnen in his capitol office and later at lunch with Senator Larry Taylor and Representatives Wayne Faircloth and Dennis Paul. We learned the status of bills on education, human trafficking and TWIA among others. Joining us at lunch was Galveston County Chair Barbara Meeks and Treasurer Penny Ignazio, also CCRW ladies.

On Friday, Lillian Murphy and I attended the TFRW 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board meeting. We learned that the Biennial TFRW State Convention, November 5-7, 2015 in Lubbock, will feature among its speakers Congresswoman Mia Love, (Utah) first African American female elected to Congress and Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (Tennessee) seen frequently on Fox News. Special luncheon speakers are Mark “Oz” Geist and John “Tig”

Tiegen, Navy Seals who survived Benghazi, and have co-authored “13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi”.

Sadly, we learned that Ft. Worth Republican Women have been dissolved by TFRW.

On a high note, over \$5000.00 was raised on the spot by attendees for Young Republicans, after a moving report by National Committeewoman, Toni Anne Dashiell. ([yrmation.gop](http://yrmation.gop))

**CCRW has one more meeting before summer on Friday, May 8.**

This meeting is planned as a special treat for members and their guests at no extra charge. I hope you will come to enjoy a fun lunch with Eric Golub, Author and Politically Conservative Comedian before the serious business of the 2016 elections begins.

**Mark your calendars for May 8!!**

## May 8th Guest Speaker



**ERIC GOLUB  
POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE  
COMEDIAN**

**We want to have a little fun before going into the summer months, so bring a friend for a light-hearted speaker who happens to be a politically conservative comedian. No extra charge, just your meal**

*Invite a Guest!*

## Campaign Activities

### By KATHIE NENNENGER

CCRW Campaign  
Activities Chairman

#### Pat yourselves on the back!!

Because of you, I was able to submit a whopping total of 7,675 volunteer hours to TFRW for the first quarter. We had 5337 volunteer hours by members and 2339 hours contributed by our associate members. Thank you all for keeping faultless records of your hours. CONGRATULATIONS to

all CCRW members and associates.

Currently, we have another challenge. We are to report the member of our club that has the most hours (along with the total number that you have reported the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2013, your hours for 2014, and your hours for the first two quarters of 2015)

Members, candidates, office holders, spouses and county party executives in particular, please

take a moment, look back at your records and submit your total to me at [knenninger@verizon.net](mailto:knenninger@verizon.net). I will need to submit our winning name by May 28<sup>th</sup>. I know that we will have a winner...or two...or three.

**Mark your calendars...**the next quarterly deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. It is with utmost importance that we have our totals in as these hours will be reported to NFRW for convention awards.

### OF NOTE...

The new CCRW Directory will be available for distribution at the May 8th meeting.

### RECIPE:

#### Governor Bush's Southwestern Potato Salad

A Bush family friend gave this recipe to Laura Bush and it became a family favorite at the Governor's Mansion.

12 medium red potatoes,  
with or without the skins

2 pickled jalapenos, chopped

¼ cup Kalamata olives,  
chopped

2 tsp. grainy mustard mixed  
with ½ cup mayonnaise (or  
more)

1 tsp. cilantro, chopped

1 tsp. oregano, chopped

2 large hard-boiled eggs,  
diced

Salt and pepper, to taste

Boil potatoes until cooked;  
rinse in cool water. Slice or  
dice and mix with the rest of  
the ingredients.

**From: "Dining at the Governor's Mansion", Carl R. McQueary**



### MENU

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

May 8, 2015

PLEASE PICK ONE OF THREE

Combo Fajita Taco Salad, 2 dressings available \$17.00 (\$15 for cash)

Or

Chicken Quesadilla, with trimmings \$17.00 (\$15 for cash)

Or

Tea, Coffee, or Coke, Green Salsa and Red Salsa and Chips. \$7.00  
(\$5.00 for cash)

### Reservations Required, Thank you

If you are making Reservations for others, kindly give name for Reservation List

Barbara J. Vollmer

713-208-9527

[reservations.ccrw@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.ccrw@gmail.com)

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, May 5

We are unable to order anything except what's on 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 Reservation made, if you do not attend.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Thank you for all those who have been making RESERVATIONS ! If you make a reservation, and do not attend, we must bill you. We hope you understand.

Free Ice Cream as You Leave!

## CCRW Happy Birthdays...by Mary Horn, Corresponding Secretary

**May:**

- 2 George Young
- 12 Benny Cheney: Kelli Gross
- 21 Hon. Tim Paulissen
- 22 Jan Johnson; Janelle Wray
- 27 Barbara Meeks
- 29 J. T. Edwards
- 30 Kent Moss

**June:**

- 1 Jackie Peden

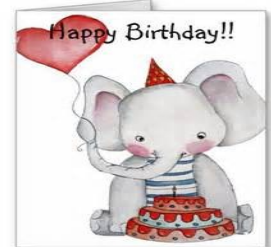
- 2 Martha Pierson;
- 2 Janice Broussard
- 3 Hon. Mark Henry
- 5 Lisa Gay
- 8 Evelyn Garland-Albrecht
- 10 Kim Bonnen; Cheryl Faircloth; Brenda Weber
- 14 Hon. Henry Trochesset
- 17 Penny Ignazio; Kari Long
- 18 Hon. Greg Bonnen
- 20 Carole Alexander
- 21 Hon. Ken Clark

- 22 Barbara Nowlin
- 25 Hon. Larry Taylor
- 29 Barbara Vollmer; Hon. Dwight Sullivan; Hon. Kim Sullivan

**July:**

- 1 Ginger Grutzius
- 2 Hon. Randy Weber
- 3 Pat Kampenga
- 6 Ruth Morrison
- 13 Cindy Seidensticker
- 14 Kathie Nenninger

- 20 Jane Rigsby, Jean Sargent
- 23 Hon. Kathleen McCumber
- 25 Teri Goodman



### Clear Creek Republican Women Minutes of a Meeting of the General Membership April 3rd, 2015

**Call to Order:** President Loretta Roberts called the CCRW meeting to order at 11:47 am Daylight Savings time on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at La Brisa Mexican Grill in League City Texas. A special Good Friday invocation was given by Chaplain Mary Blackwell, the United States and Texas Pledge was lead by Congressman Randy Weber. Ms. Roberts then recognized the Elected Officials present. She then welcomed the guests.

Chief Deputy Clerk for Elections, Bill Sargent gave an Election Legislation Update including an initiative to eliminate mobile voting, Judicial review of ballot errors and use of smart phones in polling locations.

League City Councilman Nick Long gave an update on the Teachers Retirement System and the short and long term solutions to bring the fund to solvency.

**Guest Speaker:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Faye Roberson introduced this month's speaker Texas Republican National Committeeman Dr. Robin Armstrong. He discussed strategy changes within the Republican Party that will affect the 2016 Presidential Campaign including a year around campaign effort, micro targeting with digital and data collection. How we can run against Hilary Clinton in a smart and tactful way. The RNC has picked the Presidential Debates for our candidates. There will be 11 the first one to start in August. The national convention will be earlier in 2016 moved up to July.

State Representative Dr. Greg Bonnin was also given a few minutes for a Legislative Update from Austin. He discussed Texas Windstorm Insurance legislation being considered, passing the budget and his work on the appropriations committee and a Boarder Security update.

**Business Meeting:** President Loretta Roberts announced that the next meeting of the Clear Creek Republican women would be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> with a special guest speaker Eric Golib and encouraged everyone to bring a friend for the special program. The groups President reminded attendees that the minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked if there were corrections to be made. None being offered a motion was made to approve the minutes as printed and was carried. Treasurer Cindy Reddy reported the current balance of \$4,991.62. Literacy Chair Keri Long reminded members that the baskets on the table were for donations for the Literacy program and to volunteer for the Leaders make Readers program. Ms. Roberts then announced that we are planning a Fall Fundraiser and more information would be forthcoming.

**New Business:** No new business was initiated.

**Announcements:** We are now accepting credit cards for lunch again with a \$2.00 service charge. Legislative Day is coming up on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Ice Cream is included with lunch and complimentary. Clear Lake Tea Party is hosting a Leadership Training on April 18<sup>th</sup> and you can register on their website. Bay Area Pachyderms meets May 7<sup>th</sup>. Two new members have joined this day. Barbara Vollmer is taking over as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of membership.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm daylight savings time.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PAULA SMITH,**

Recording Secretary



## Chaplain's Message

By **MARY O. BLACKWELL**

CCRW Chaplain

### Boundaries

If you have not yet read the book, *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend, I highly recommend you do. Do you have trouble saying no or allow people to take advantage of you then you become resentful? God created us to have physical, mental, emotional and spiritual boundaries. All of us will either violate or be violated in the boundary issue. You can always tell when your boundary has been violated because of manipulation resulting in feeling injured or guilty. On the other hand, if you are the violator you may not be aware you are doing it but a sure sign is strained relationships. As discussed in the book, *Boundaries*, God respects our and His boundary because He gives us free will to either accept Him or reject him. I hope you are growing in Christ, respectful of other's boundaries and your own.

God bless.



## Legislation Report

By **ALISON PUTMAN**  
Legislation Chairman

### On the national level....

Senator John Cornyn recently struck a deal with Senate Democrats to assist them in confirming their nominee, Loretta Lynch, for US Attorney General. In return, Cornyn has gotten more social and medical services for victims of human trafficking. Despite brokering the deal, Cornyn himself, did not vote for the deal he negotiated to confirm Lynch.

### At the state level....

SB 1628 and HB 3646 propose to

eliminate most of the consumer protections which have been effective in helping policyholders force fair and timely payments. The bills give personal immunity to individuals acting on behalf of the insurance company such as adjusters, engineers, appraisers and other experts; it restricts the time allowed for homeowners to file claims; it eliminates the 18% interest insurance companies are required to pay on claims not paid in a timely manner; and eliminates the application of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and the resulting triple damages when insurers act in a deceptive manner.

On the flip side of the issue, the San Antonio Express states: Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, and Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, have filed bills in the Texas House and Senate aimed at stopping the abusive practices of the trial lawyers and public adjusters.

HB2027 to prevent "rolling polling", sponsored by Representative Greg Bonnen is moving forward. Keep an eye on these and other bills.



## Literacy Report

By **KARI LONG**  
Literacy Chairman

### Thank You Again!

The Literacy Fund collected about \$93 at our last meeting! These donations will buy 10 books for the Barbara Bush Literacy Fund, which our committee has decided to participate in this year. These patriotic books espousing various Republican ideals will be distributed throughout North Galveston County schools and libraries. I am still seeking suggestions from our membership as to where they

would like to see these Republican ideal books go and make an impact in our community. You can also donate any gently used books to help cut down costs as well. You can bring the books and your extra pocket change to our May meeting. Don't forget to put your name on the envelope when you donate.

**Looking for an easy and rewarding volunteer opportunity?** The CCISD/ City of League City Leaders Make Readers Program is always looking for volunteers to help read to children at League City, Ross, and Stewart Elementary. A BIG

"Thank You" to Commissioner Dennard, Judge Henry, and Constable Sharp for joining the Leaders Make Readers program. If you have applied or started volunteering, I would love to hear from you and how you are enjoying it. You can apply to at: <http://www.ccisd.net/departments/communications/volunteer-opportunities/leaders-make-readers>.

**Stay tuned for other Literacy Events coming up for Constitution Month in September! You won't want to miss it.**



## Coming Events Calendar



**MAY 8**

**"INVITE A GUEST"**

**CCRW GENERAL MEETING**

LABRISA— DOORS OPEN---SOCIAL  
11:00 A.M.- MEETING BEGINS  
11:45 A.M.

**SPEAKER: ERIC GOLUB 12:00 A.M.**

Politically Conservative Comedian

**JULY 24**

TFRW 3rd Qtr. Board Meeting

AUSTIN CROWN PLAZA

**JULY 31**

CCRW BOARD MEETING

COUNTY ANNEX

10:00 a.m.

**AUGUST 7**

**CCRW GENERAL MEETING**

LABRISA

DOORS OPEN---SOCIAL 11:00 A.M.

MEETING BEGINS 11:45 A.M.

**SPEAKER: GREG BONNEN, MD**

**12:00 A.M.**

**TX HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,**

**DISTRICT 24**

**DATE TBA**

**CCRW FUND RAISER**

**"RALLY AROUND THE CONSTITUTION"**

**AUGUST 28**

CCRW BOARD MEETING

COUNTY ANNEX 10:00 A.M.

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**CCRW GENERAL MEETING**

**LABRISA**

DOORS OPEN---SOCIAL 11:00 A.M.

MEETING BEGINS 11:45 A.M.

**SPEAKER: LOGAN CHURCHWELL**

Communications Director,

True The Vote

**SEPTEMBER 10---12**

NFRW 34TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Phoenix, AZ

**SEPTEMBER 17**

CONSTITUTION DAY

**SEPTEMBER 18**

CCRW BOARD MEETING

COUNTY ANNEX

**OCTOBER 2**

**CCRW GENERAL MEETING**

**LABRISA**

**OCTOBER 16**

CCRW BOARD MEETING

COUNTY ANNEX

**NOVEMBER 5---7**

TFRW CONVENTION LUBBOCK, TX

**NOVEMBER 13**

**CCRW GENERAL MEETING---LABRISA**

### 2015 NFRW CONVENTION

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

**JW Marriott  
Desert Ridge Resort**

**SEPTEMBER 10-12,  
2015**

*If anyone is interested in attending the NFRW Convention as a delegate or alternate delegate, please let me know by phone or email. Delegate and Alternate Credential Forms are due by August 13, 2015. Note: You do not have to be a delegate to attend.*

**Loretta Roberts  
281-334-3492  
lo.n.kemah@gmail.com**

## CCRW Women Attend Summit at Texas State Capitol

### By Ginger Grutzius

Publicity Chairman

A "sea of red" flooded the state Capitol in Austin Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> as Republican women from across Texas gathered for a Legislative Day and Women's summit sponsored by the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Clad in "Republican Red", Loretta Roberts, Fay Picard, Paula Smith, Lillian Murphy, Roxann Lewis, Mary Horn, Penny Ignasio, and Barbara Meeks represented Clear Creek Republican Women at this biennial event. The women visited the offices of Senator Larry Taylor and Representatives Greg Bonnen, Wayne Faircloth and Dennis Paul to let them know about their concerns and positions on Legislation before the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature. "The issues of education, immigration, and human trafficking, were on the forefront of our concerns," stated CCRW Club President, Loretta Roberts. In addition to meeting with state lawmakers, CCRW Members attended floor sessions of the Texas House and Senate,

informational workshops, and a luncheon with Governor Greg Abbott, and other elected Republican Officials. The "sea of red" created by over 600 Republican ladies in the galleries and halls of the Capitol left no doubt about the strength of this group.



A Thought:

**Diplomacy:**

Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie" until you can find a rock

-Author Unknown

## Galveston County Elected Officials



# County of Galveston

County Judge	Mark A. Henry	(409) 766-2244
Commissioner, Precinct 1	Ryan Dennard	(409) 770-5474
Commissioner, Precinct 2	Joe Giusti	(409) 770-5475
Commissioner, Precinct 3	Stephen Holmes	(409) 770-5806
Commissioner, Precinct 4	Ken Clark	(281) 316-8744
10th District Court Judge	Kerry L Neves	(409) 766-2230
122nd District Court Judge	John A. Ellisor	(409) 766-2275
212th District Court Judge	Patricia Grady	(409) 766-2266
306th District Court Judge	Anne B. Darring	(409) 766-2255
405th District Court Judge	Michelle M. Slaughter	(409) 765-2688
56th District Court Judge	Lonnie Cox	(409) 766-2226
District Clerk	John Kinard	(409) 766-2424
County Court 1	John Grady	(409) 766-2233
County Court 2	Barbara Roberts	(409) 766-2405
County Court 3	Jack Ewing	(409) 621-7920
Probate Court Judge	Kim Sullivan	(409) 766-2251
County Clerk	Dwight Sullivan	(409) 766-2200
County Sheriff	Henry Trochesset	(409) 766-2301
County Treasurer	Kevin Walsh	(409) 770-5395
District Attorney	Jack Roady	(409) 766-2355
Tax Assessor-Collector	Cheryl E. Johnson	(409) 766-2260
Justice of the Peace 1	Alison Cox	(409) 770-5818
Justice of the Peace 2	Jim Schweitzer	(409) 766-2250
Justice of the Peace 3	Penny Pope	(409) 770-5455
Justice of the Peace 4	Kathleen McCumber	(281) 316-8716
Constable 1	Michael Montez & Rick Sharp	(409) 770-5818
Constable 2	Clint Wayne Brown & Jimmy Fullen	(409) 770-6229
Constable 3	Terry Petteway, Derrick Rose & William Comeaux	(409) 770-5177
Constable 4	Jerry Fisher	(281) 316-8711



**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC**  
**Galveston County, Texas**  
**2015 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, 201 Water Oak Drive, League City, Texas 77573

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_