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President's Message



By LORETTA ROBERTS
President, Clear Creek Republican Women

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Loretta

Things are on the move for Clear Creek Republican Women. Membership is up and we are seeing a lot of new faces which we heartily welcome. Our programs have expanded to include a "Lunch N Learn" segment where, in addition to our main speaker, we hear short informational updates from local elected officials on "front burner" topics.

Dr. Greg Bonnen was our main speaker in August along

with Lunch N Learn updates from District Attorney Jack Rody and League City Mayor Pro Tem Geri Bentley. All of this in one action-packed hour with two menu choices prepared by top Mexican Restaurant, LaBrisa. You couldn't possibly spend a more productive hour anywhere.

CCRW celebrates 15 years as a federated club this year and exciting plans are in the works. An enthusiastic Special Events Committee is hard at work, so please reserve December 4 from 11:00 – 1:00 on your calendars.

There will be a first-rate menu, speakers, music, live auction, Christmas Market and more in the beautiful main dining room of South Shore Harbour Country Club. What a festive way to welcome the Christmas season and enjoy yourself as we commemorate

the 15th birthday together! **I am so proud we are sending a delegate to the National Convention** in Phoenix, AZ in September and at least four delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention in Lubbock in November. We all look forward to hearing from them when they return.

I hope you will make every effort to attend our September 11 meeting to hear True The Vote Communication Director, Logan Churchwell. True The Vote, founded by Catherine Engelbrecht, is the nation's leading voters' rights and election integrity organization, and Lunch N Learn speaker, Bill Sargent, Chief Deputy clerk for elections, speaking on Election Law changes and the propositions on the November ballot. You won't want to miss hearing them. **Come join us.**

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September 11th Guest Speaker



Logan C. Churchwell

Communications and Research Director for the Houston-based voters' rights group, True the Vote.

"Election Integrity and Voter Fraud"

Before joining the TTV team in 2012, he worked on and off Capitol Hill since 2009. Churchwell's career includes posts in congressional offices, think tanks, federal campaigns and a research internship under Dr. Frank Luntz, Ph.D. In 2014, Churchwell was a founding editor for Breitbart Texas. Churchwell lives sleeplessly in northwest Harris County, Texas with his wife and two children under the age of three.

"Lunch N Learn" with Bill Sargent, Galveston County Chief Deputy for Elections, will bring us an update on Election Laws and a synopsis of upcoming propositions/constitutional amendments on the ballot in November.



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281-337-7833**2016 Republican Primary Debate Schedule**

Sept. 16, 2015: The next Republican candidate debate is scheduled for Sept. 16 and will be **hosted** by CNN and Salem Media Group. It will be televised from the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California. The moderators are CNN anchor Jake Tapper and Salem Radio Network host Hugh Hewitt. Unlike Fox News, which had the top 10 candidates debate and relegated the seven remaining candidates to a pre-debate "happy hour debate," CNN **said** it would divide the candidates into two separate debates on the same night.

Oct. 28, 2015: CNBC will host the following GOP debate on Oct. 28 at the **University of Colorado in Boul-**

der.

November 2015: There's not a set date yet for the November debate hosted by Fox Business Network and the *Wall Street Journal*. It's **expected** to be held in Wisconsin.

Dec. 15, 2015: The December Republican debate will be held **in Las Vegas** and hosted by CNN and Salem Media Group.

January 2016: The date is **TBD**, but Fox News will host again.

Feb. 6, 2016: ABC News and *JJReview* will host the debate at the St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Feb. 6. "New Hampshire voters are independent-minded,

they love their country and just plain enjoy discussing politics, and that means New Hampshire is truly **Ij** country," *JJReview* founder Alex Skatell said in a **statement**. "We're excited to be in the First In The Nation state for our first presidential debate, and to partner with ABC News."

Feb. 26, 2016: NBC and Telemundo will host a GOP debate **in Texas**.

March 2016: Fox News will host another debate, but the **exact day and location** have not been set.

March 10, 2016: CNN and Salem Media Group will host the final Republican primary debate in Florida on March 10.

**MENU****CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

September 11, 2015

PLEASE PICK ONE OF THREE

1. Crispy Tacos - 3 Crispy Tacos filled with Chicken, Cilantro White Rice, Black Beans, Chips and Salsa, and Tea \$17.00 (\$15 for cash)

Or

2. Enchilada Trio - Beef, 1 Chicken, 1 Cheese enchilada topped with Chili gravy and Cheese, Cilantro White Rice, Charro Beans, Chips and Salsa, and Tea \$17.00 (\$15 for cash)

Or

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

Reservations Required, Thank you

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

Barbara J. Vollmer 713-208-9527

reservations.ccrw@gmail.com

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, September 8

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 !

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

September

4: Carl Gustafson
6: Misty Sullivan
7: Cheryl Johnson
10: Laura Jones
13: Deborah Roan
16: Linda-Cizek
Brown

17: Jacquie Tugwell
18: Almeda
Wollingford
19: Faye Roberson
19: Karlee Marcom
22: Loretta Roberts
28: Faye Picard
29: Rubye Brown



Quote

"One of the penalties of not participating in politics is that you will be governed by your inferiors"
Plato

Clear Creek Republican Women Minutes of a Meeting of the General Membership August 7th, 2015

Call to Order: President Loretta Roberts called the CCRW meeting to order at 11:57 am Daylight Savings time on August 7th 2015 at La Brisa Mexican Grill in League City Texas. An invocation was given by Chaplain Mary Blackwell. The United States and Texas Pledge were lead by Congressman Randy Weber. Ms. Roberts then recognized the Elected Officials present. She then welcomed the guests. District Attorney Jack Rody spoke to the group regarding Human Trafficking which was uncovered and dismantled in Galveston County. Mayor Pro Tem for League City Geri Bentley updated us on some new Businesses that are establishing in League City.

Business Meeting: President Loretta Roberts reminded attendees that the minutes of the May 8th 2015 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 \$3,302.30.

New Business: The establishment of a nominating committee was the next order of business. Paula Smith made a motion that the three member committee would be Kathie Nenninger, Barbara Vollmer and Natalie Roth. The motion was seconded by Bettie Moss. The motion carried with none opposed. Ms. Roberts then announced that we have selected our Clear Creek Republican Women Delegate to the National Convention. Faye Picard has agreed to attend and be our Delegate.

Guest Speaker: President Loretta Roberts introduced this month's speaker State Legislator Dr. Greg Bonnen who gave an update on the legislation passed this session.

Announcements: December 4th is the 15 year anniversary for Clear Creek Republican Women and our fundraiser. The location is South Shore Country Club from 11am to 1pm. Resolve it thanks everyone for the school supplies they donated today and their upcoming fundraiser. Next month is the Literacy Meeting where we will donate our materials for Literacy. The re launch of the Hispanic Republican of Texas, Galveston County Chapter will be August 18th at 6:00pm at Gingers Coastal Eatery.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm daylight savings time.

Respectfully Submitted,

PAULA SMITH,

Recording Secretary



Chaplain's Message

By **MARY O. BLACKWELL**
CCRW Chaplain

Confession

Proverbs 28:13

People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.

Confession paves the way for God to work within us, helping us to our lives by his power.

God Bless



2016 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION PROCESS & DATES

The convention process is a MAJOR function within the party. YOU need to be a part of this!!!

Precinct Convention – on or after 7 PM **March 1, 2016** (Must be after the polls close on March 1, 2016)

County/Senate District Convention – **March 19, 2016**

State Convention in Dallas, Texas – **MAY 12-14, 2016**

National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio – **July 16-21, 2015**

Delegate Selection

Qualifications: One does not have to be present, but one must qualify to be a delegate under at least one of the following:

Voted in the primary election Affiliate, by oath, with the party – meaning you didn't vote in another party's primary election or

participate in another party's convention process.

Selection: After it is determined that the individual meets one of the qualifications, they must be elected by the current convention to be a delegate or alternate at the next level in the convention process.

You do not have to be present to be elected to serve as a delegate or alternate to the next level of the convention process.

Once the convention adjourns, no other names can be added. Anyone attending a precinct convention is a delegate at the precinct convention.

Homework: Look up your precinct number on your voter card and plan to attend the precinct convention on March 1, 2016. Place to be announced.



Republican National Convention is July 18 -21, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio and an official candidate for U.S. President will be nominated.

How exciting is that!

REMEMBER, IT ALL STARTS AT OUR PRECINCT CONVENTION.

BE THERE!

Literacy Report

By **KARI LONG**
Literacy Chairman

Did you know September 17, is Constitution Day? Fun Fact- Did you know publicly funded institutions are required to teach about the Constitution on this day? To honor Constitution Month, we will be holding our Annual Literacy Event at September's Meeting.

A BIG "Thank You" to everyone who has contributed to our Literacy Fund this year. We are able to donate over 20 books out into the community. I am so

proud of our club's hard work! We have invited a few community guests to attend our meeting and receive the donated books on behalf of their organization.

Are you a part of the "Leaders Make Readers" Program? If so, we would also like to honor you at our Literacy Event at September's Meeting as well. If you are a member or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact me:

kariplong@hotmail.com.



Coming Events Calendar



SEPTEMBER 17
CONSTITUTION DAY

SEPTEMBER 25
CCRW BOARD MEETING
COUNTY ANNEX

SEPTEMBER 11 (2nd Friday due
to Labor Day)

CCRW GENERAL MEETING
LABRISA

OCTOBER 2
CCRW GENERAL MEETING
LABRISA

DOORS OPEN---11:00 A.M.
MEETING BEGINS 11:45 A.M.
SPEAKER: LOGAN CHURCH-
WELL

Communications Director,
True The Vote: ELECTION IN-
TEGRITY & VOTING PROCESSES

OCTOBER 16
CCRW BOARD MEETING
COUNTY ANNEX

NOVEMBER 5---7
TFRW CONVENTION LUBBOCK,
TX

SEPTEMBER 10---12
NFRW 34TH BIENNIAL CON-
VENTION
Phoenix, AZ

NOVEMBER 13
CCRW GENERAL MEETING
LABRISA

December 4



**CCRW
15th Anniversary
Celebration and
Fundraiser
Christmas
Luncheon**

South Shore
Country Club
11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.



**Congratulations
Fay!**

*Fay Picard has been
officially elected to
represent CCRW at the
NFRW national
convention, Sept. 10-12.*

*We are proud to have
Fay as our delegate.*

Voter Integrity Update

By Catherine Engelbrecht
True the Vote



136 counties in 21 states were given notices of potential violation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, requiring election officials to make reasonable efforts to maintain voter rolls. Counties in receipt are demonstrated to have more than 100 percent voter registration at the time of the 2014 Election and have not indicated any significant effort to address the problem in the months following.

“It’s important that engaged voters keep the pressure on election officials to ensure that outdated or ineligible records

*are quickly addressed,” True the Vote Founder **Catherine Engelbrecht** said. “Bloated voter rolls hurt everyone. Deceased voters aren’t removed, duplicate registrations aren’t revoked and the records of voters who’ve relocated aren’t corrected. Low verification standards, like absence of voter ID, add to the confusion. Bloated rolls create the ideal environment for identity theft and voter fraud.*

Who’s the Worst: Kentucky, Michigan and Indiana lead the nation in counties with 100% plus voter registration rates with more than 10 each (total voter

registration rate per state)
Kentucky – 94%
Michigan – 95%
Indiana – 92%

Becoming an Urban Problem: Larger, suburban counties in Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan without a history of 100% plus rates are now over the line.

2016: The states represented in this most recent finding account for 305 Electoral College votes – a landslide total

Campaign Activities Report

By Kathie Nenninger

Chairman Campaign Activities

Wow! I was able to submit a staggering 2,019 hours to TFRW for the second quarter. As you know, the hours collected this quarter had to be submitted early for TFRW's submission to NFRW prior to convention.

I am so proud of our members for continuing to volunteer in various ways for the betterment of Galveston County, our elected officials and candidates. More importantly, I thank our

members for keeping such amazing records!

Now on to our 3rd quarter hours...these hours are comprised of your volunteer hours for the months of July, August and September and are due to TFRW the end of September. This is a mid-third quarter reminder so that you'll take the opportunity to add up your summer hours thus far and have them ready when my call goes out.

Remember, your contributions are so valuable to CCRW.



President Loretta Roberts with District Director Debbie Roan and National Committeewoman Toni Ann Dashielle at TFRW.

Legislation Report, By Allison Putman, Legislation Chairman

Propositions on the November 2015 ballot. (LRCA stands for legislatively referred constitutional amendment)

LRCA	Proposition 1	Taxes	Changes the homestead exemption amount for school district property taxes from \$15,000 to \$25,000
LRCA	Proposition 2	Taxes	Exempts property from taxation for surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans
LRCA	Proposition 3	State Exec	Repeals the requirement that certain executive officials reside in the state capital, Austin, while in office
LRCA	Proposition 4	Gambling	Allows professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles
LRCA	Proposition 5	Transportation	Authorizes counties with 7,500 people or less to perform private road construction and maintenance
LRCA	Proposition 6	Hunt & Fish	Provides for a right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife
LRCA	Proposition 7	Gov't Finances	Allocates a portion of sales and use tax revenue to the state highway fund through 2032

Quote of the Day

The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.

Abraham Lincoln

2015 EARLY VOTING

NEW GUIDELINES - EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 19, 8:00am – 5:00pm

No Week-ends



**Photo
Collage**



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 _____
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