

# CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

### LIBERTY AND FREEDOM

For over two-hundred years, we as Americans have enjoyed the liberty and freedom to let our voices heard through the election of our governing officials. We have had the liberty and freedom to change our government and officials though peaceful means at the ballot box and not by bayonets or bullets.

When the Founding Fathers set out to establish self-rule, they penned, in precise language, their intent as a nation and as a free people.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States begins with "We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect Union, *establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for*

*the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity..."*

Even before they hammered out the Articles of the Constitution, they stated their grievances against the British and why it had become necessary to establish a new government. At the very outset, their goal was to establish a nation where individuals behave according to their will and govern themselves, taking responsibility for their actions and behaviors and the liberty of being able to have the freedom to make a choice. Under the British rule, the King was the final arbitrator.

We know that we are losing these liberties and freedoms set forth by our Founding Fathers. We no

## **Elected Officers**

President	Bonnie Wilson <a href="mailto:ccrwpresident@comcast.net">ccrwpresident@comcast.net</a>
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2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Roxann Lewis
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Outreach	Kathleen McCumber
Campaign Activities	Martha Pierson
Hospitality	Barbara Vollmer
Historian	Paula Villeneuve
Chaplain	Arlene Taylor
Immediate Past President	Sarah Von Dran

longer are free to make the choices we once did.

So many limitations have been placed on our freedoms either through laws, executive orders or political correctness.

I believe we can all agree we are to keep America from that things have to change if the same demise of other great nations. I believe all of us have the same vision. A vision to restore America to her former glory and for America to once again “ be that shiny city set on a hill,” as President Ronald Reagan said.

**CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
APRIL GUEST SPEAKER**

**RICHARD J. TRABULSI, JR.**

**PRESIDENT, TEXANS FOR LAWSUIT REFORM**

Mr. Trabulsi is a co-founder of Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR) and has been active in the organization since its inception in 1993. He is currently serving as president of TLR and chairman of its political action committee, TLR PAC. One of TLF’s recent achievements is Tort Reform legislation, passed in the 2011 Session.

Trabulsi attended The University of Texas at Austin in their pre-law program and received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence (J.D.) in 1969 from The University of Texas Law School, graduating with honors. He was a Chancellor and Articles Editor of *the Texas Law Review*.

He clerked for Judge Homer Thornberry of The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

He has been active in a variety of businesses, including retail, real estate, banking, ranching, and financial assets.

Whether your favorite candidate won or not, we must put aside our differences (and there are many) and come together in November to work together to take control of the U.S. Senate and to keep Texas RED.

The great American experiment in self-government is worthy of putting our differences aside to restore the vision of our Founding Fathers.



He has also been active in his community serving on a variety of boards including The George Foundation, the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the University Of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He has also served on the Briargrove Elementary School PTO and the Lamar High School Business Magnet Program.

Trabulsi is a native of Houston, Texas, graduating from St. Thomas High School. He is married to Diane, has two adult children and three grandchildren.



**LADY JUSTICE**

## CCRW MINUTES OF A MEETING

### OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP March 7, 2014

President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women (the "Club") meeting to order at 12:00 Noon Central Standard Time on March 7, 2014 at La Brisa Mexican Restaurant in League City. The Club's Chaplain, Arlene Taylor, led the invocation and County Commissioner Ryan Dennard led the United States and Texas Pledges of Allegiance. Ms. Wilson welcomed elected officials and candidates and asked them to introduce themselves to attendees. She then welcomed guests and new members.

Congressman Randy Weber introduced this month's speaker, Dr. Rafael Cruz, father of Senator Ted Cruz. Dr. Cruz spoke about having grown up under the tyrannical leadership of Batista in Cuba and coming to the United States in search of freedom. He warned attendees of the similarities between past communist takeovers and what is happening in the U.S. today. Dr. Cruz encouraged us to use Scriptural standards when vetting candidates and to remain active and watchful in standing fast in defense of freedom.

The business meeting resumed at 12:54 pm. The Club's President reminded attendees that minutes of the February meeting were printed in the March newsletter and asked whether there were any corrections to be made. None being offered, the minutes were approved as printed.

#### Officer Reports:

- Treasurer: Treasurer Lesley Bruemmer reported that \$4,045.57 is the balance in the Club's checking account and \$10,000 is in savings, which will be available for candidates after the Primary Runoff. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for internal review.

#### Announcements:

- Vice President for Membership, Loretta Roberts, reported that the Club now has 65 members, plus those who joined today. She thanked members of other clubs for having come, and she asked attendees to take and distribute the business cards on the table which give information about CCRW.
- President Bonnie Wilson announced that the next Club meeting will be held on April 4 at La Brisa, and the speaker will be someone from Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Sargent, Recording Secretary

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## **CARING FOR AMERICA/COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Thanks to all of you who donated items for the residents at Baywind Village Convalescent Center. They were very grateful and appreciative of everything and said that the residents would enjoy the items. They said that the extra items meant a lot to the residents, especially for those who did not have family in the area.

We will again collect personal hygiene items for the residents at Baywind Village Convalescent Center in League City. Please bring to the April 4 meeting..

Some suggestions are as follows, but not limited to these items. Anything you would use for yourself or family at home would be greatly appreciated. Shampoo. Lotion body Wash, Kleenex, Wipes (baby wipes or personal hygiene wipes) Soaps

I also thought that slippers and socks might be good items to donate. This time of year those things are on sale and I know it is usually cold in the facility.

Kathleen McCumber  
Caring For America Chairman



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### *Takes two to carry the bag of donated items from CCRW*

Baywind Convalescent Center Activities Director Mira Ocha (L) and Assistant Tabitha Ochoa (R) couldn't contain their excitement and surprise when presented with such a large bag of goodies.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bonnie Wilson  
Mary Kennedy  
Evelyn Timmins  
Hon. John Kinard  
Hon. Jack Roady
- 4 Theresa Graham
- 8 Pamela Archer
- 10 Toni Randall  
Sue Schmitz
- 13 Cindy Seidensticker
- 16 Mary Horn
- 17 Jan Bailey
- 25 Alison Putman
- 29 Shirley Young



## Chaplain's Corner:

Whew! The primary is over - now on to the runoffs. Are you tired? Exhausted? Completely worn out? "*Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*"

(Matthew 11:28) If we don't come apart and rest, we may just plain come apart.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### FULL MEMBER

**SKY LYN GIBBONS**

**DEBRA JACKSON**

**RUTH MORRISON**

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

**WILLENE STOBBS-THOMAS**

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

May 19 – 24, 2014                      Early Voting - Primary Runoff

May 27, 2014                              Election Day - Primary Runoff

November 4, 2014                      General Election Day

For ballots, polling locations and times go to: [www.galvestonvotes.org](http://www.galvestonvotes.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 4 **CCRW Monthly Meeting**, La Brisa's Mexican Restaurant, 501 Wesley, League City. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Richard Trabulsi, President, Texans for Lawsuit Reform. Reservations a must if you want lunch. \$15.00 Lunch Contact Barbara Vollmer at [reservations.ccrw@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.ccrw@gmail.com) or call 713-208-9527
- 8 **Mid-County Republican Network**. Social, 6:30 p.m., Program, 7:00 p.m. For location and more information contact Karen Stephens at 409-771-3056
- 16 **Galveston Republican Women Meeting**. Contact Brenda Gutierrez at [bgutierrez314@comcast.net](mailto:bgutierrez314@comcast.net) or call 409-908-9707
- 17 **Republican Network** - 6:30 p.m. La Brisa's Restaurant, 501 Wesley Drive, League City (off I-45 Gulf Freeway North). Contact Paula Smith at [skydiverpaula@comcast.net](mailto:skydiverpaula@comcast.net) for more information.
- 23 **Bay Area Republican Women's Meeting** - 11:00 am Social, 11:30 am Meeting, 12:00 Noon Speaker. Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston. \$15 price-fixed lunch available. RSVP a must if you want lunch. [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)
- 24 **Friendswood Republican Women's Meeting** Perry's Restaurant, Friendswood. Pay for your own lunch. Questions, please call Deborah Winters Chaney @ 281-224-7800. Hope to see you on the 27th! [www.FriendswoodRW.org](http://www.FriendswoodRW.org)
- 25 **NEW DAY and NEW LOCATION**. Clear Creek Republican Women's Executive Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Ginger's Coastal Eatery (formerly Bayshore Gardens) 2007 Bayshore Dr. (FM646 @ 20<sup>th</sup> Street) San Leon. For information contact Bonnie Wilson, [ccrwpresident@comcast.net](mailto:ccrwpresident@comcast.net)

### ATTEND HEALTH CARE SUMMIT WITH

### SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR AND REP. GREG BONNEN

**Tuesday, April 22 – 9:00am to 11:00am**

The Searcy Auditorium

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center's Heart & Vascular Hospital

495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster, TX 77598 (Click for Map)

*Complimentary valet parking will be available*

**PLEASE REGISTER BELOW**

**At the Health Care Summit, state legislators and leaders, policy experts, and private sector stakeholders will discuss many of the critical health care issues facing Texas.**

The registration link: <http://www.txccri.org/new-to-tccri/healthcaresummitwebster422>

**CCRW Balance as of March 28, 2014:  
\$ 14,296.46**

**Lesley Bruemmer, PAC Treasurer**

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From Campaign Activities Chair, Martha Anne Pierson  
[Members and Associate Members.....](#)

Have you been campaigning the last three months?

Have you worked at Headquarters? Did you help with Lincoln Dinner? Did you help with Senatorial Convention? Plan campaign events, worked at campaign events, made phone calls, spent hours on your run for elected office?

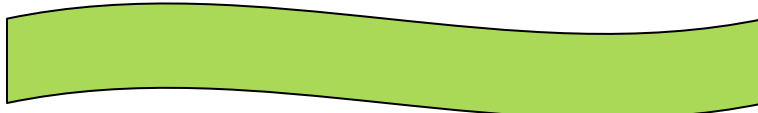
If so, add up those hours and submit them to me at [mrennob@yahoo.com](mailto:mrennob@yahoo.com) by April 5<sup>th</sup>

These are just a few activities that count toward helping CCRW win that John Tower Award.



## **TFRW JOHN GOODWIN TOWER AWARD**

**Texas Federation of Women will award the John Goodwin Tower of Excellence Award to clubs with the highest number of points accrued during the years of 2014-2015 at their 2015 TFRW Convention. The points are calculated according to size of each club. We are considered a mid-size club and 750 points is our target goal. Campaign activities account for 160 points toward that goal. Associate members as well as members campaign hours are counted. If you are an Associate member as several RW Clubs, you can turn in your hours to one club.**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CANDIDATES



(Does not include every candidate)

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What an awesome group of candidates we had this year. Congratulations to everyone of you.

Even if you did not win your race, you ran the race!

(Pictured with the candidates are Fay Picard, for Rep. Greg Bonnen and Paula Villeneuve(front center).



**PERSONALIZED CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
NAME TAG**



Order your own personalized CCRW name tag. Not only are they beautifully made, but have a magnet back. You can proudly wear at any function and don't have to have sticky name tag or a pin name tag that pokes holes in your clothes. A great bargain for \$10.00.

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**CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
NAME TAG ORDER FORM**

MAIL FORM AND \$10.00 TO LAURIE SWEATT, 161 BARRACUDA, BAYOU VISTA, TX 77563  
PHONE: 409-256-4606 EMAIL: [lauriesweatt@rocketmail.com](mailto:lauriesweatt@rocketmail.com)

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON NAME TAG.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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