

Clear Creek Republican Women



"...the new stars on the horizon."

November 2004 Newsletter

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November 5, 2004 Meeting

The November 5th meeting will feature Kendall Miller, an advocate for civil justice reform and spokesman for Texans for Lawsuit Reform. Kendall is President of Tanglewood Corporation, a family owned business. As a businessman, he has seen first hand the effect of lawsuit abuse and the effect of successful tort reform legislation. Kendall will address tort reform in the immediate past and upcoming legislative sessions.

Katie Benoit Hake



From the President

As I write this before the election, I can easily say that I am no visionary or a clairvoyant regarding the election. I just know that CCRW has worked very hard and our rewards are felt. Thanks to each and everyone of you who manned the headquarters, stuffed those envelopes, stapled yard signs, telephoned, looked up numbers, sold buttons and bumper stickers, worked the polls for candidates, worked as judges and clerks for early voting and on election day, made cupcakes, block walked, decorated for the GOP Barbeque, cleaned up, donated money, wrote letters to the editor, called your friends to remind them to vote, offered rides to the polls, furnished the headquarters with supplies, traveled to other states with the Strike Force, helped at the courthouse election night, participated on the early ballot board and signature verification committee, and everything else imaginable. I am just so proud of all of your efforts. We have really been a team in every since of the word. I can only say **thank you** for being a part of Clear Creek Republican Women. This is what we are all about.



At our December meeting, we will be collecting 2005 calendars for the students at Devereux. They are very coveted as the students not only are able to track their time and activities but they love the pictures as well. We will need two to three per member to meet the need. They can be the free ones that you receive, or calendars that you buy. Randalls has some for \$4.99. With your help, hopefully, we can reach our goal to have one for each student. Let's make their Christmas merry and their countdown to recovery visual.



Save the date

December 3, 2003 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Mark your calendars, as this is the date for Clear Creek RW's December meeting and installation of officers. This year we will be having our luncheon meeting at the lovely Butler's Courtyard in League City's Historical District, 122 Michigan Ave. Reservations are necessary and your checks or cash in the amount of \$20 are to be **paid** by our November meeting. Checks may also be mailed to our treasurer, Darlene Anene, 2760 Willow Creek, League City, Texas 77573. Don't delay as seating is limited and the reservation deadline is our November 5th meeting. Don't miss out on an opportunity to visit and tour this elegantly restored historic place in League City's history.

Kathie

CCRW Officers

President Kathie Nenninger
VP Membership Bonnie Wilson
VP Programs Katie Benoit
Secretary Benny Cheney
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Calendar

Galveston Island Pachyderm, November 4, 11, 18, 2004

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am



CCRW Board Meeting, November 5, 2004

Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's 10:30 am



Clear Creek Republican Women, November 5, 2004

Program: Patricia Fincher Harless

Fiesta Shack, 11:30 am, Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting

Friendswood Republican Women, November 11, 2004

Village on the Park, 400 Parkwood (FM 528) 11:30 am

Galveston Republican Women, November 17, 2004

Landry's on the Seawall, 11:30 am

Republican Network, November 18, 2004

To Be Announced, 6:30 social, 7:00 program

Sandpiper Republican Women, November 23, 2004

Galveston Country Club, 11:30 am

Bay Area Republican Women, November 24, 2004

Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Road One, 10:00 am



Clear Creek Republican Women, December 3, 2004

Butler's Courtyard, 122 Michigan, League City, 11:30 am



Money Matters

November 2004 Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$1,412.93
Petty Cash	+ <u>258.75</u>
Total	\$1,671.68

Darlene Anene

Legislation Watch



When most of us say that we "married up," we mean it as a compliment to our spouse, indicating that we married someone better than ourselves. Kerry, on the other hand, declaring that he "married up," refers to Theresa's money. Besides recoiling at that shallow disregard for her feelings, I was also shocked at the number of companies that are located overseas and the overseas locations of these companies. Pickles "Made In Mexico?" In years past, our government would not allow Mexican tomatoes and other vegetables into the country, as human excrement was used as fertilizer down there. I wonder if the cucumbers for the pickles are US grown or Mexico grown? I wonder what kind of controls are used to assure the safety of foreign grown produce? From now on, I'll carefully read the food labels, not for just the calorie count anymore. Following is an e-mail that I have received from several sources over the past few months....all of whom I consider reliable. Perhaps, it's time that we contact our Congress men and women to ask that they enact laws that assure the safety of "imported" foods, even when they are sold under US company labels.

I checked and my bottle of Heinz catsup, it says "**Product of Canada**"! Guess I'll be checking out all the Heinz products at the store! Shortly after reading the following e-mail content, I happened to look at the label of a jar of Heinz sandwich slice pickles. Yep...."**Made in Mexico**." Check some of your Heinz products. Sen. John Kerry keeps talking about U.S. corporations leaving this country and setting up shop in foreign countries,

taking thousands of jobs with them. He is right, because that has happened. However, he is trying to blame it on George W. Bush. As far as I know, Bush has not moved one factory out of this country because he is not the owner of a single factory.

That cannot be said about Kerry and his wife, Teresa Heinz-Kerry. According to the Wall Street Journal, the Kerry's own **32 factories in Europe** and **18 in Asia** and the Pacific. In addition, their company, the Heinz Company, leases four factories in Europe and four in Asia. Also, they own **27 factories in North America**, some of which are in **Mexico and the Caribbean**. I wonder how many hundreds of American workers lost their jobs when these plants relocated in foreign countries. I also wonder if the workers in Mexico and Asia are paid the same wages and benefits as workers in the United States. Of course they're not. However, Kerry demands that other companies that relocate should pay the same benefits they did in the U.S. Why does he not demand this of the Heinz Company, since he is married to the owner?

If Kerry is elected, will he and his wife close all those foreign factories and bring all those jobs back to America? Of course they won't. They're making millions off that cheap labor. Every American needs to see this list of companies that the Democratic Presidential nominee's wife owns and controls. Do you find it bothersome that she would have control over him (bucks talk) and he could sell out our entire country? Please read the following:

John Kerry's Wife: Do you find it strange that Kerry's wife is never with him? Do you find it strange that you never hear anything about her? This may be why! As time goes on, we're just getting to know the possible future First Lady of the United States of America, and it is quite interesting. You'll be hearing even more about Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of Democratic candidate. She has quite a track record, especially when it comes to the causes she donates to. One of her favorite charities is the **Tides Foundation**. What is that, you ask? This foundation sends hundreds of millions of dollars to groups that protested the invasion of Iraq; that demands open U.S. borders; and provides legal defense for suspected terrorists. Among other groups supported by Kerry's wife: **Ramsey Clark's International Action Center**. This is the same Ramsey Clark that offered to defend Saddam Hussein. Another group seeks to ease restrictions on immigration from terrorist nations. Another group has links to the terrorist group Hamas. And on and on. American jobs are **OUTSOURCED** by John F. Kerry and his wife Teresa Heinz-Kerry! We need to ask: Why not manufacture in America and ship finished products overseas? How many American workers are in these Heinz overseas factories? Think of the conflict of interest a President would have who's wife owns business interests in all of these countries.... I don't think John Kerry's Vietnam service is going to make people look the other way on this stuff.

Shirley Hendrickson



Membership Memo

We did it! We reached our goal of 50 members. In fact we went over by one, thanks to Cynthia Tauss. Cynthia may be late, but she always comes through! Thanks Cynthia for putting us over the top!

We want to invite everyone of you to renew for 2005. We still need you and there is a place for everyone who wants to serve in any capacity. Although the Presidential election may be over,

there are still local and state elections to work. We need to help our Republican officials and candidates win again. Also, there are some exciting plans for next year's Legislative Day and other plans in the works. Our president, Kathie Nenninger is working to keep us informed and up to speed on the happenings in our area. We need to get behind her and support her as we go forward into the new year.

I, personally, want to thank all of you for being faithful in attending and supporting the CCRW. We will soon be celebrating five years of exciting growth. Come and be a part of the next five years!

Bonnie Wilson



Campaigns

Please see page 6 (if this is emailed to you) for a campaign activities log form to cut out and carry around in your purse or pocket when working on campaigns.

What counts? Any work on a campaign (calls, folding flyers, posting signs, making banners, etc.), work at the GOP HQ office, Tom DeLay's office, etc. (unpaid), work for CCRW (but not just attending a meeting) as part of your office, making calls, writing for the newsletter, etc., voter registration work, attending workshops (e.g., Nuts & Bolts), Convention participation, work at the polls (as long as you don't get paid), block walking for candidates, arranging fundraisers (but not attending, unless you're working the event), staffing any GOP-related booth at fairs and other events, parade participation (float building, driving, waving, etc.), making arrangements for any candidate or club event (luncheons, teas, etc.).

Remember to report your hours to the Campaign Activities Coordinator either monthly or quarterly (Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, July-Sep, Oct-Dec).

Kathy Rogers



Book Review

Book Review: *Bias* by Bernard Goldberg

In light of the Dan Rather scandal, I dusted off my copy of *Bias*, which provided the tip of the iceberg in the current media scandal. I think this is a very good book for anyone who watches any amount of television news.

Freedom of the press was set-up by our Founding Fathers to provide another level of check and balance on the government. When the "mainstream media" become mouthpieces for a single point-of-view, that check is missing and any semblance of balance is merely window dressing. Goldberg's book exposes the motives for and the means by which the media distort the news. Goldberg not only corroborates what those on the right have thought for a long time; he provides an insider's look, from a position of a former liberal employed by CBS for 28 years.

Goldberg presents the problem with the media as being three-fold: first, a high percentage of those in the media hold left-leaning views; second, they hire people who believe what

they do, thus perpetuating the high percentage of liberals in the media; third, they live in a world in which even their non-media friends think, act, and vote as they do, leading them to believe they are in the mainstream (and that the rest of the world is comprised of "right wing nuts"). They are insulated from the working class by their six figure incomes. They think the New York Times, which hasn't endorsed a Republican since Eisenhower, is "middle of the road". They never even consider interviewing conservative women regarding women's issues—they just go to NOW. Their bias is reinforced by their arrogance; that they know better than the rest of us. Ultimately, the media thinks they are doing the rest of us a favor by educating us (and they believe that Bill Clinton cured homelessness, and that homelessness mysteriously reappeared under Bush).

Goldberg's analysis started on the Wall Street Journal Editorial page, in an article about the way in which a story on Steve Forbes' flat tax proposal that was peppered with words like "wacky" and "scheme". Goldberg was labeled a "political activist" by those in the media (something that had never been mentioned in his previous 25 years in journalism). Labeling is a prominent technique of those who seek to deride something (the next time you watch television news or read the paper notice how labeling in a pejorative manner, can change the whole complexion of a story). Goldberg's book stuck a nerve at CBS, just like it struck a chord with readers (as a New York Times bestseller), due to the clarity with which he presents his arguments and his perspective as insider at major network. He finally left CBS in 2000. I highly recommend this book. It is available at your local public library. It is also available in paperback.

Review by Kathy Rogers

Next Month: Something on the "lighter side", Dr. Laura's *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands*.



Editor's Personal Note

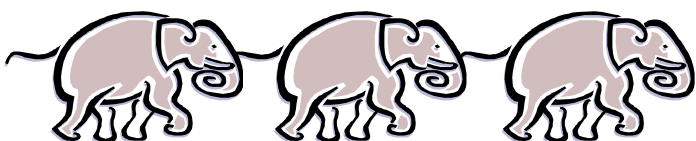
On behalf of the three County-wide candidates (Lonnie Cox, J.L. Campbell, and myself), I would like to say **thanks** to each and every one of you who worked tirelessly during our **Countdown to Victory**. Each and every time I walked into a Headquarters office there was a buzz of activity. Each and every time I called, there was a hum of excitement. Each time I asked for you to keep us in your prayers, you did. — *we could feel it.* (Ain't W Great!)

By the time some of you read this, and by the time we meet again as a Club, this election will be over. Surely, our President will be victorious. Surely, Republican candidates will win down the entire ticket. Surely, a message will have been delivered throughout this County that the conservative values and positive message of the Republican Party ring true and strong here where we live. No matter the outcome, no one will soon forget the trumpeting of our voices and the thunderous sounds of our feet as we raced to the finish line.

Again, thank you. God Bless each and every one of you and God Bless America!

Cheryl E. Johnson

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Membership Application

New _____ Renew _____

Voting Precinct _____

Telephones: Home _____ Work _____
Cell _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Birthday _____

Member of another Republican Women's Club? ___Yes ___No

Name of club: _____

I would like to serve on the following committees:

- ___Telephone ___Legislative ___Publicity ___Membership ___Campaign
- ___Fundraising ___Budget ___Awards ___Hospitality ___Literacy
- ___Audit ___Ways and Means ___By Laws ___Community Service

Name of Member Who Told you About CCRW: _____

Prior political affiliations: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Comments: _____

_____ Full Member (\$20.00) _____ Dual Member (\$10.00) _____ Associate Member (\$10.00)

Mail to: Bonnie Wilson, Membership
2323 Hampton
League City, TX 77573

Membership dues are not tax deductible

Office Use: Date Paid: _____	Check number _____	Cash _____
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CCRW Minutes October 1, 2004

The October 1st meeting of the CCRW was called to order by President Kathie Nenninger at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City at 12:02.

Invocation was given by Shirley Hendrickson and she also lead us in the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag

Bonnie Wilson introduced our Elected Officials and Candidates.

Kathie Nenninger introduced our guests and had each stand and tell us how they heard about CCRW.

New Officers for 2005 are:

President	Kathie Nenninger
1st VP/Programs	Katie Benoit
2nd VP/Membership	Teri Goodman
Secretary	Norma Byous
Treasurer	Darlene Anene
Corresponding Sec.	Barbara Vollmer

Our speakers for the meeting were Officer Adcock from the LCPD and Officer Paul Odin of the League City Citizens Academy. Officer Adcock spoke on the concealed hand gun law (our right to carry) and how to register. Officer Odin gave a power point presentation of just what exactly is done in the CPA Class.

The minutes were included in the Newsletter and will stand as printed. The treasurer's report was also included and will stand for audit.

Bonnie Wilson reported on the very successful GCRP Bar-B Que held Sept 25th at the Sportsplex.

Darlene Anene gave us a very interesting report on her trip to the Nat'l Convention in New York.

Ken Clark reported help is needed at Headquarters in Dickinson. Supplies also needed. Early voting starts Oct 18th and continues through October 29th. Ken will host his 6th annual Rubbin' Elbows Cajun Fest at Walter Hall Park on Oct 24th - 1-4. Tickets \$10.00.

Teri Goodman announced the Kerri Taylor fundraiser/style show to be held at the Nassau Bay Hilton on Nov 5th.

Our December 3rd meeting/Christmas party will be at Butler's Courtyard in League City. Your check of \$20.00 or cash is needed for the reservation at the October or November meeting.

Our new publicity chair is Berniece Linck and her husband. Jane Couch has resigned.

Next meeting is November 5th at Esteban's/Fiesta Shack.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Secretary,

Benny Cheney

