

Clear Creek Republican Women



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

October 2004 Newsletter

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October 1, 2004 Meeting

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We are pleased to have Officer Adcock, of the League City Police Department, as our speaker. He will present a program on the League City Citizens Police Academy. Officer Adcock will also address concealed handgun laws and permits.

Katie Benoit Hake



From the President

You are needed....

This Presidential election is so extremely critical. It just may be the most critical in our lifetime. Don't let up on your efforts. You are needed daily at the GCRP Headquarters. You are needed to register voters. You are needed to be Election Day clerks, judges, alternate judges and poll watches. You are needed to be outside voting locations distributing our candidates' literature. Isn't it nice to be soooo needed! Please volunteer.

Returning directly from the National Convention, Darlene Anene brought us the following sign that we saw nightly. "W is for Women!" It got me thinking.

W is for Working to get our Galveston County candidates elected.

W is for the Wonderful turn out at the GOP Headquarters from the members of CCRW.

W is for Willingness to stuff those envelopes.

W is for Walking our neighborhoods.

W is for Writing letters to the editors of your newspapers.

W is for Wardrobes of red, white, and blue.

W is for the Weight of the world that this president carries.

W is for the White House that we must keep.

W is for Winner!

So much to do, so little time...

Kathie

Volunteer Today! We need you!

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President.....Kathie Nenninger
VP Membership.....Bonnie Wilson
VP Programs.....Katie Benoit
Secretary.....Benny Cheney
Corresponding Secretary.....Barbara Vollmer
Treasurer.....Darlene Anene
Immediate Past President.....Tommye Randolph

CCRW Committees

Awards.....Tommye Randolph
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Hospitality.....Celia Mabry
Legislative.....Shirley Hendrickson
Newsletter.....Cheryl E. Johnson
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Publicity.....Jane Couch
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.....Norma Byous
.....Sylvia Jackson
.....Niki Stevens
.....Bernice Linch
Voter Registration.....Kathy Rogers
Ways and Means.....Norma Byous

Calendar



CCRW Board Meeting, October 1, 2004 Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's 10:30 am



Clear Creek Republican Women, October 1, 2004
Program: Officer Adcock, League City Police
Fiesta Shack, 11:30 am, Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting

Galveston County Young Republicans, October 4, 2004

Republican HQ, 1312 FM 646, Dickinson, 6:30 social, 7:00 program

Galveston Island Pachyderm, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2004

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am

Friendswood Republican Women, October 14, 2004

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

Galveston Republican Women, October 20, 2004

Landry's on the Seawall, 11:30 am

Republican Network, October 21, 2004

Republican HQ, 1312 FM 646, Dickinson, 6:30 social, 7:00 program

Sandpiper Republican Women, October 26, 2004

Galveston Country Club, 11:30 am

Bay Area Republican Women, October 27, 2004

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



Money Matters

October 2004 Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$1,412.93
Petty Cash	+ 258.75
Total	\$1,671.68

Darlene Anene



Legislation Watch

FEDERAL

UPDATE ON VISA LOTTERY BILL

Here's an action item that represents a place where our calls to our Representatives can help to plug the hole in the dike, where illegal immigrants are flooding into our country. Though it is true that we all descended from immigrants...I'm only second generation from Irish immigrants, on my Mother's side...most of our ancestors came here legally, with the intent to make this country a better place for all to live peacefully. A large number of the Visa Lottery immigrants are here illegally and are intent on our harm. They are here to, eventually, make war with us within our own country. They are using our laws against us. Many came into the US through West Texas and murdered ranchers and stole from people on their way into the country. They don't consider themselves bound by our laws, because they have their own laws by which they abide and consider our law subordinate to their own. If these facts alarm and anger you, below you can discover how you can help fix this mistake in our immigration laws. When the VISA LOTTERY was instituted, I doubt that anyone could foresee foreign nationals coming here to use it to harm us. It's time that the hole in the immigration dike was plugged. Will you help to do so?

H.R. 775 Passes Immigration Subcommittee

Next Up, Full Committee Consideration

Your faxes and phone calls in support of Rep. Bob Goodlatte's (R-VA) bill to end the much abused diversity visa lottery program made a huge difference. H.R. 775, the Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act, passed the House Immigration Subcommittee yesterday by a vote of 5-3. Those voting in favor included Chairman John Hostetler (R-IN), Reps. Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Steve King (R-IA), Melissa Hart (R-PA), and Elton Gallegly. Voting no were Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), and Linda Sanchez (D-CA).

We must now focus on getting the full Judiciary Committee to take up and approve H.R. 775. With Judiciary Committee approval, the bill can be brought to the House floor for a vote.

A phone call can be as simple as saying: "My name is (insert name), I live in the district and I want to urge Rep. (insert name) to press the Judiciary Committee to take up and approve H.R. 775 and to vote YES for H.R. 775 when it comes to the House floor for a vote."

BACKGROUND

The removal of this controversial program will help ensure our nation's security, make the administration of our immigration laws more consistent and fair, and help reduce immigration fraud and opportunism.

TALKING POINTS

THE VISA LOTTERY IS A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT
On July 4, 2002, a gunman entered the Los Angeles International Airport and opened fire. As a result, two innocent people were killed. The killer, Hesham Mohammed Hadayet, was allowed to legally reside in the United States because his wife won the visa lottery.

Most visas are issued to foreign nationals who already have existing relationships with lawful U.S. residents or employers. However, under the visa lottery program, applicants are chosen purely at random, which leaves open the door to those who want to enter the United States to harm our citizens.

THE VISA LOTTERY IS UNFAIR TO LAW-ABIDING IMMIGRANTS

It's unfair because it treats illegal alien applicants the same as those who abide by our immigration laws. It's also unfair because it pushes 50,000 random immigrants ahead of family and employer-sponsored immigrants, who currently wait many years for visas.

THE VISA LOTTERY PRODUCES FRAUD

It is commonplace for foreign nationals to apply for the lottery program multiple times using many different aliases. Many of these individuals are already in the United States illegally. In addition, the visa lottery program has spawned a cottage industry featuring sponsors in the U.S. who falsely promise success to applicants in exchange for large sums of money.

There are already enough problems caused by the Motor Voter Law, under which voting registration is offered to everyone getting a driver's license. This law is in effect even in states that grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

Shirley Hendrickson



Membership Memo

We are inching our way every closer to our goal of 50 full members. We now have 48 full member - just two more members to go and we're there. YEA! A great big thank you goes to Debbie Lindemann, who not only joined, but brought two of her friends, Tami Cohen and Cynthia Whittenburg-Winter, who also joined at our September meeting. We have two other new members, Sherry Ottinger and Margaret Christopher. Welcome to all of you. We do hope that you will find our meetings fun and informative.

Ladies, you all have done an outstanding job in your support of CCRW by inviting friends and attending meetings. I believe 2004 will go down as a banner year in the history of Clear Creek Republican Women's Club. Keep up the good work!

Bonnie Wilson



Campaigns

Volunteer Hours Being Requested April - June

Please let me know of your volunteer hours for the period April 1 through 30 June. Anything that you actually participated in (as opposed to just attending a meeting) counts (unless you got paid,

no matter how small the payment was). There is a very nice chart in the back of the CCRW Yearbook that you can use to keep track of hours as they occur, or as I do, write it into a calendar. Every little bit helps. Also, if you haven't reported for January 1 through March 30, it's not too late. Thanks for all you do!

Kathy Rogers



Book Review

Deliver Us From Evil

Sean Hannity

Sean Hannity has written a great follow-up to his first book, *Let Freedom Ring*. This is a timely (meaning don't wait for it in paperback, or it will be dated) and precise text on the means for defeating terrorism, despotism, and liberalism, as the subtitle states. The book is well documented (24 pages of footnotes) and is written with the urgency with which Hannity conducts his weekday radio broadcast (3-6 pm on 740 KRTH and 560 KLVI). Hannity's hypothesis is that evil exists and it is the responsibility of our leaders to discern what is truly evil and eliminate it.

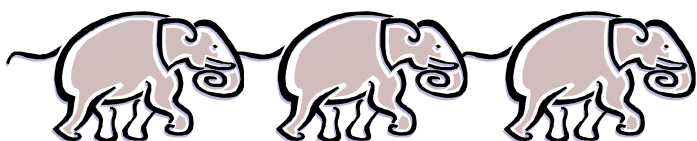
Appeasement is the first mistake in dealing with evil. Liberals seem to forget that it didn't work for Chamberlin, it didn't work for Carter when the Soviets rolled into Afghanistan, and it was still not working for Clinton, when, after the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 he urged people not to "overreact". Only when we confronted the evil that was the Soviet Empire did we win the Cold War. Only when we captured Saddam did Qaddafi give up his nuclear capabilities.

The perception, on the left, that conservatives are somehow more dangerous than evil foreign powers, is the second mistake in dealing with evil. In deliberations on the first Gulf War, Nancy Pelosi, D - CA actually worried about the "environmental consequences" of aiding Kuwait. The perception of those outside the West that we, as a nation, have lost our collective courage only serves to embolden those who want to harm us. Reagan understood that the Soviet communist leaders were bent on world domination. Is al Qaeda any different? How did we move from a united nation, immediately after September 11, to a bitterly divided one in only three short years?

Thirdly, irresponsible candidates, such as Howard Dean lead to even more dangerous and irresponsible remarks, such as John Kerry's (now re-edited) statement that "European leaders" are looking for a regime change in the U. S. and that somehow our allies will fall into harmony with us if we have a new Commander-in-Chief. The notion that the war with Iraq was somehow "preemptive", rather than a result of numerous unheeded U.N. resolutions following the Gulf War has worked its way, incorrectly, into much of what is considered "conventional wisdom". As Solzhenitsyn pointed out, when America loses her way that fact puts the whole world in danger.

Hannity suggests that the future will be shaped by the way we treat our allies, such as Israel, Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea, and the way our adversaries, such as China, North Korea, and al Qaeda treat them. To effectively meet these challenges, we must be ready and able to identify evil and elect leaders that have the courage to eradicate it.

Review by Kathy Rogers



Events

Republican Roundup: Countdown to Victory

This year's Republican Roundup should be one of the most successful fundraisers in the history of the Republican Party of Galveston County. We are looking forward to lots of fun, feasting and politicking'. There will be BBQ with all the fixin's, a silent and live auction, music, entertainment and fun, fun, fun for the entire family. It will be at the League City Sportsplex located on I-45 and Hwy 96, Saturday, September 25, 3 pm to Sundown.

Tickets are required to get in. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6-12 years of age and \$35.00 for a family of five or more. Tickets can be purchased through your local precinct chairman, the League City office, 281-337-5467 on Hwy 646, or the Galveston Island office at 409-763-0126 or Bonnie Wilson, 281-332-8039, Money raised will help push our candidates over the top in November and we can sweep Galveston County.

Our very own Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has agreed to join us and, just maybe, we can talk him into bringing the twins. Other elected officials and candidates running for office have been invited. We will let you know who they are as soon as they confirm, as well as other pertinent information.

Some members of our club have already stepped up and agreed to help. Tommye Randolph will be heading up the decorations committee and Mary Orsak is taking care of getting BBQ brisket and sausage donated. If you would like to help, please contact them. I'm sure they will be glad for the extra hands. Also, there are still openings in other areas, such as children's games, ticket sales, publicity, and procuring items for the auctions.

If you have or know of anyone who might have something that you think would be a great item to auction off, but are unsure, call me and we can determine whether it would be appropriate.

This will be a great time to do some early Christmas shopping. So come on out to the Sportsplex, feast on BBQ and mingle with your fellow Republicans.

Bonnie Wilson



Special Item

TAPS

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harris's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier.



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It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are:

*Day is done
Gone the sun
From the lakes
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safely rest
God is nigh.

Fading light
Dims the sight
And a star
Gems the sky
Gleaming bright
From afar
Drawing nigh
Falls the night

Thanks and praise
For our days
Neath the sun
Neath the stars
Neath the sky
As we go
This we know
God is nigh*

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never

seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

REMEMBER THOSE LOST AND HARMED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. And remember also those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

*Brenda Gutierrez
Sandpiper RW President*

Great Quotes

- * The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help.
- * Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.
- * Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.
- * The taxpayer - that's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.
- * Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.
- * Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
- * I've noticed that everybody who is for abortion has already been born.
- * History teaches that war begins when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap.
- * I hope that when you're my age you'll be able to say, as I have been able to say: we lived in freedom; we lived lives that were a statement, not an apology.

President Ronald Reagan

*Clear Creek Republican Women
Installation of Officers
December 3, 2004
11:30 am to 1:30 pm*

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 required. Payment will be accepted at our October and November meetings or checks may 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 the November 5th meeting. Don't miss out on an opportunity to visit and tour this elegantly restored historic place in our own League City.

*Butler's
Courtyard
...historic elegance*

*122 Michigan Avenue
(at Main Street by the Train Depot in the Historic District)*

CCRW Minutes September 3, 2004

The meeting of the CCRW was called to order September 3, 2004 at 12:10 by President Kathie Nenninger at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City.

Invocation was given by Shirley Hendrickson

The pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag was lead by Benny Cheney.

Bonnie Wilson introduced our Elected Officials and Candidates.

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

Katie Benoit introduced our speaker, Steve Binding, who is from the FBI office in Texas City. Mr. Binding is with the terrorism side of the FBI. He was involved in two local cases - Jessica Cain and Laura Smithers.

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

Bonnie Wilson reported we have 48 members.

Shirley Hendrickson gave us her very enthusiastic review of the Republican National Convention in New York City. Thanks Shirley that was great.

Tommye read the names of those nominated for officers for the coming year.

President: Kathie Nenninger

Vice President and Membership: Teri Goodman

Programs: Katie Benoit

Secretary: Norma Byous

Treasurer: Darlene Anene

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Vollmer

Cindy Seidensticker will be our new Campaigns Chairperson for the coming year.

Ken Clark thanked all those who worked at Republican Headquarters and more help is needed to get our local candidates elected. Ken's Rubbin' Elbows event is October 24th - 1-6. Tickets \$10.

Kathie Nenninger asked for help in looking up phone numbers and announced the Greater Houston Council's seminar/luncheon to be held October 11th at the Marriott in Houston. The speaker will be Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

Bonnie Wilson talked about the GCRP's big Bar-B-Que to be held September 25th - 3:00 'til sundown at the new Sportsplex in League City. Ticket are \$12.00.

Benny Cheney brought in a big basket full of Laura Bush's cowboy cookies for all to enjoy.

Next meeting is October 1, 2004 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

Secretary,

Benny Cheney