

Clear Creek Republican Women



September 2004 Newsletter

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

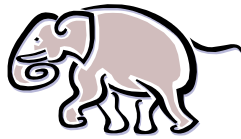
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September 3, 2004 Meeting

September is a month of remembrance for the lives of those lost on 9/11 and is therefore an appropriate time to renew our focus on national security. Will Session from the Texas City FBI Office will be our speaker. He will talk about homeland security and the Gulf Coast.

Katie Benoit

From the President



My grandchildren have been anxiously awaiting the birth of the baby Asian elephant at the Houston Zoo. You see, mother elephant, Shanti, was due on April 7th, the day my grandchildren arrived for their annual Easter visit. This week, on the very day that Cheryl notified me that it was time to write my newsletter article, and after a laborious 22 month pregnancy, the 338 pound baby girl elephant was born. I began to think about the sleeping elephant in Galveston County. Our "pregnancy" of a Republican County has been many years in the making and our days of "labor" have begun. Our due date is November 2nd and we had better get busy.

The North County Republican Headquarters is now open at 1312 FM 646, Suite 10 behind the Terminex Office. Every single day of the week, help is needed to fold newspapers, stuff envelopes, put stamps on mail outs, look up telephone numbers and give out bumper stickers to visitors. There are weekend block walks, the distribution of campaign literature, assembling of yard signs and many other ways to get involved to help our Galveston County candidates.

Let's make sure that the "birth" of Republican office holders gets all the help that we can give so that we can "deliver" the votes to wake Galveston County's sleeping elephant. Call Barbara Vollmer at 281-337-5467 to tell her what day and time you can be there. Drop by on your way "to or from" the new HEB. Make it a habit to go by and see what project you can help with even if it is for only an hour. You'll get hooked and the result is that our candidates will win. We will have our own baby elephant for we have just begun!

See you at the Campaign Headquarters....

Kathie

CCRW Officers

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
By-Laws.....	Catharin Lewis
Campaigns.....	Cindy Seidensticker
Chaplin.....	Shirley Hendrickson
Historian.....	Pam Kinser
Hospitality.....	Celia Mabry
Legislative.....	Shirley Hendrickson
Newsletter.....	Cheryl E. Johnson
Parliamentarian.....	The Honorable Kathleen McCumber
Publicity.....	Jane Couch
Telephone Committee.....	Almeda Wallingford
.....	Norma Byous
.....	Sylvia Jackson
.....	Niki Stevens
.....	Bernice Linch
Voter Registration.....	Kathy Rogers
Ways and Means.....	Norma Byous

Calendar

Friendswood Republican Women, September 1, 2004

Timber Creek Golf Club Restaurant, 4554 FM 2351. 11:30 am

Galveston County Young Republicans, September 2, 2004

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

Galveston Island Pachyderm, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am



CCRW Board Meeting, September 3, 2004 Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's 10:30 am



Clear Creek Republican Women, September 3, 2004

Program: Willy Session, Texas City FBI
Fiesta Shack, 11:30 am, Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting

Galveston Republican Women, September 15, 2004

Landry's on the Seawall, 11:30 am

Republican Network, September 16, 2004

League City Annex, 174 Calder Road, League City, 7:00 pm

Bay Area Republican Women, September 22, 2004
Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Road One, 10:00 am

Sandpiper Republican Women, September 28, 2004
Galveston Country Club, 11:30 am
program begins at 7:00 pm



Money Matters

Clear Creek Republican Women, PAC

Checking Account	\$1,529.73
Petty Cash	+ 231.75
Total	\$1,761.48

Darlene Anene



Legislation Watch

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How Would You Like Felons and Illegals to Dictate the Policies and Laws That Govern Your Life?

Allowing illegals to send their children to our schools without charge, go to our hospitals and doctors without charge, and obtain drivers' licenses seems like a lot...to me, at least. Now, the Dems want illegals and felons (in prison, too) to vote in our elections? Maybe, it's just me, but this causes a pain in the pit of my stomach. I'm still back at the point where I said, "What? They want our taxes to support education and medicine for people who are breaking the law by being here, and then they want to give them Driver's Licenses!" Now, this new twist. Where will it end? Will we, some day, be deciding between two Presidential candidates, both illegals or inmates? This is not as far-fetched as it may seem, because this is the logical extension of current and proposed practice and legislation. If non-citizens are allowed to vote in our elections, terrorists could conceivably infiltrate in great enough numbers to change the entire fabric of our lives (think Spain and France), forcing their will upon our citizens, and causing this great nation to become just another third world muslim serfdom. I think the excerpts from the Phyllis Schlafly column, below, lay the foundation for my assertions much better than I could. Take a look, see if you agree, and then, let's do something about it before it's too late! Let's see if we can turn this thing around! Why not call our friendly Federal Legislators and demand a Bill that would prohibit ANY tax money going to support illegal immigrants and blocking non-citizens from voting in the US? Will you join me?

"Felons and non-citizens: It's all good for Democrats"

by Phyllis Schlafly, August 16, 2004

As the country appears so closely divided between red and blue states, Democrats are seeking oddball constituencies to enhance their numbers. They and their liberal-advocacy law firms and lobbyists have been working for months to get convicted felons certified to vote for Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. Now they want non-citizens to vote.

Millions of non-citizens live in the United States, some legal and some illegal, and Democrats see this as a win-win effort to get them to the polls on Election Day. They figure the percentages are pretty good that those constituencies will vote Democrat.

Local decisions to allow non-citizens to vote in city, county and school board elections should not give them a pass to vote in federal elections, but once they are on the precinct registration rolls, who is going to stop them?

Certainly not Democratic polling officials. In Washington, D.C., five city council members (fortunately, not a majority) recently announced their support for a bill that would allow thousands of non-citizens to vote in local and school board elections.

Americans need not stand by and tolerate this impertinence because, as in so many dilemmas, the Constitution of the United States provides a remedy.

Article I, Section 8, gives Congress the power to pass "exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever" over the District of Columbia, and the Republican Congress would be foolish if it doesn't act immediately to nip this mischief in the bud.

San Franciscans will vote in November on whether to allow non-citizens, including illegal immigrants, to vote in school board elections even though this is probably a violation of the California state constitution, which requires U.S. citizenship to be eligible to vote.

Other efforts to reward non-citizens with the franchise have emerged in New York City, Hartford, Conn., Los Angeles, Colorado, New Jersey, and Texas. Scattered municipalities in Massachusetts, Maryland, Illinois and New York have already gone down this road.

Giving voting rights to non-citizens is a bad idea from every point of view. It cheapens citizenship and it could give legal cover to would-be terrorists who enter the United States with hate in their hearts.

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.

Becoming a resident of a state may confer the right to get a driver's license, but it does not and should not confer citizenship. According to U.S. law, lawful residents must speak English and swear allegiance to the United States before becoming citizens.

They also must become citizens before they can vote. We don't want any immigrants voting who haven't made the conscious and sincere decision to renounce loyalty to the country they came from and pledge allegiance to the United States of America.

The Constitution should also be our starting point in the matter of allowing felons to vote. The U.S. Constitution reserves the matter of voting regulations to state legislatures and, in the 14th Amendment, Section 2, specifically authorizes the disenfranchisement of felons.

Nevertheless, Democrats have persuaded activist judges to force Florida into assisting felons, as they leave prison, in getting the right to vote. The Kerry campaign has set up a nationwide legal network to recruit litigators and election lawyers to challenge election results in Florida and other close states."

Shirley Hendrickson



Membership Memo

Ladies, we are in the waning months of this year, but, we still have a couple of months left to reach our goal of 50 full members before year end. We have 44 full members and 21 associate/dual members. Let's finish the year strong and get off to a great start next year. Thanks to all of you who brought friends, family and neighbors, many did join us. I think the CCRW club has some of the finest and hardest working women of any club. Thanks to Kathie Nenner, our fine president, who has led our club with class and dignity.

Welcome to SREC Dr. Robin Armstrong. He finally decided he liked us well enough to pluck down his \$10.00 (I really think his wife, Martha, might have had something to do with it). Welcome aboard, Robin!

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

Laura, America's First Lady, First Mother

Antonia Felix



Republicans often get the same bad press that librarians do, that they are stodgy, crabby, and out-of-touch; however, the librarians and Republicans I know are well read, active, upbeat, and well rounded. It happens, like so many stereotypes, because occasionally, librarians, for the greater good of everyone in the library have to ask for quiet, and I'm sure all of you, at one time or another, have had your exuberance curtailed by, "shhhh". The same thing happens to Republicans, just because we desire a world run on the basis of courtesy, truth, morality, and equality of opportunity, we are labeled (by people who would rather not be bound by those rules) as "uptight". So, you might wonder, how is this related to the wonderful book by Antonia Felix on Laura Bush? Well, Laura Bush, former librarian, in our opinion, personifies Republicans. The book, *Laura*, really helps the reader get to know and relate to the wonderful person Laura Bush is. (Credit to Benny for coming up with the idea of reading this book.) Of course Laura Bush is fiercely protective of her private life but this book provides insight into her personality. It was written with input from people around Laura, for example her mother and friends, but not with actual input by the First Lady.

Laura Bush is a hard worker (she has a Master's Degree in Library Science), a good daughter, and a devoted mother. She is also very flexible, for example, having developed public-speaking skills (which she does quite well) during her marriage to George Bush. We think she would be a lot of fun to know. The book really puts the reader on a first name basis with Laura (we mean no disrespect). The author describes the Laura's idyllic life growing up in the 1950's in Midland through her college years and up through September 11. We think the author really connects with the reader with the First Lady. Did you know that both George Bush and Laura (Welch at that time) lived in the Chateau Dijon apartments (on the corner of Reseda and El Camino in Clear Lake)? She lived on the quiet end and he lived on the wilder side and they didn't meet during that time (while he was in the Reserves at Ellington). In fact, they both lived in Midland during their childhoods but didn't cross paths (although George thinks he may have met her once in the 7th grade). The book also brings out the personal strength of Laura Bush. Although the book was

completed before September 11, 2001, a section was added on the courage and composure of the First Lady had and her desire to comfort the children of America in those first days after the attacks. Laura's strength and grace under pressure can be traced back to her loving family and strong faith. Another life-changing incident was a fatal car accident, which was her fault, at the age of seventeen. The fact that Laura exhibits grace under pressure belies the passionate, caring person that she is.

Laura Bush's simple and subdued style may often be mistaken for a lack of strong views, but just like her clothing styles, she is "classic" while at the same time being straightforward and spirited. She has worked to encourage children to read and has instituted programs such as the Texas Book festival, to showcase Texas authors (see page 180). She understands that reading is the key to education and has brought the festival to the national level. Laura is not the type to require a lot of fanfare; she has an inner strength that does not depend on external praise. She also has a great recipe for Cowboy Cookies (see page 293) and, if you're lucky, Benny will bring some to the September meeting! We enjoyed reading the book and discussing it and hope you will too.

Next month: Sean Hannity's, Deliver Us from Evil.

Review by Kathy Rogers & Benny Cheney

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



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History of CCRW

In the fall of 1999 several area women, including Cynthia Tauss, Bonnie Norman, Linda Mahanay, and Kathie Nenninger expressed a need for a Republican women's group in north Galveston County. With much discussion and planning, North Galveston County Republican Women, as we were first called, was formed. The first meeting was held at the home of Bonnie Norman in January of the year 2000. The group had an initial membership of 10...the number required by the rules of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. The name was changed to Clear Creek Republican Women at that time. [Editor's note: According to a reliable source, the name was changed to Clear Creek Republican Women to reflect it's focus on Republican women and issues south of Clear Creek which is the Harris/Galveston County line.] Meetings since then have been held at a tea room (now closed) on the West side of I-45 on 518, the South Shore Harbour Country Club, Leslie's restaurant, the Courthouse Annex, and Esteban's.

Presidents have included Bonnie Norman (2000-2001), Tommye Randolph (20002-2003), and Kathie Nenninger, (2004-2005). Through their dedication and the work of each member, we have grown to our present size. The history is more specifically documented in our scrapbooks as the future of Clear Creek Republican Women unfolds before us! If you have any photos, news articles, etc., I would love to include them in our scrapbook.

Pam Kinser, Historian



Thoughts

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the Ground without his Notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without His aid?"

Benjamin Franklin

"Republics are created by the virtue, public spirit, and intelligence of the citizens. They fall, when the wise are banished from the public councils, because they dare to be honest, and the profligate are rewarded, because they flatter the people, in order to betray them."

Joseph Story

"The right to be left alone is indeed the beginning of all freedoms."

William Douglas

"When nothing is sure, everything is possible."

Margaret Drabble

"I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

Barry Goldwater

"Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped."

Calvin Coolidge

"When those who are governed do too little, those who govern can -- and often will -- do too much."

Ronald Reagan

"There are a hundred things to single you out for promotion in party politics besides ability."

Will Rogers



Volunteer Today! We need you!

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