

Clear Creek Republican Women

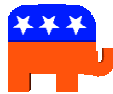


"...the new stars on the horizon."

April 2009 Newsletter

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From the President



Hope. Change. Oh, how I used to love those two words! Sadly, ever since 2008 they have the uncanny ability to make me cringe, and I have to make an earnest attempt to not use them.

This time of year it is difficult for me to not think of those words, because they are so synonymous with Easter, my favorite time of year! As Christians we have hope and we prepare for ourselves for change as part of our celebrations. The signs of Easter are abundant in the springtime, and I am sure that you have seen and heard them. Surely you have noticed the abundance of birds singing and the many colorful flowers in front of homes and along Texas roadways! This is truly the season of joy and renewal.

This is also the time of year when we experience hope and change for yet another significant springtime occasion – City elections! We will hear from candidates who hope to be elected. They will talk at length about the need for change, and we will have to sort through the political rhetoric to learn the truth!

Mayor Toni Randall will present the State of the City address at our April 3rd meeting. Toni will talk

about the positive changes that the City has seen and about her hope for the future.

This month as we celebrate Easter, we can hope for change for the betterment of our community. In that context, it restores the use of the words hope and change!

See you Friday!

Barbara Meeks
President

April 3rd Program

April's Guest Speaker will be Toni Randall, Mayor of League City, who will give us the State of the City Address that she presented to the Chamber of Commerce, recently. You don't want to miss this one.

Coming attractions, in May, will be the Candidate's Forum for the upcoming elections for City Council. Please, put that one on your agenda, too, as you will get to ask the questions you've always wanted to ask.

Shirley Hendrickson, VP Programs

Membership Memo

Just a reminder to those that have not paid their dues, it is TIME, be it a full membership or an associate membership. Any questions about your membership please call Sarah Von Dran at 281 482-2990.

bigbadoma@att.net.

Sarah Von Dran
1st Vice President Membership

Money Matters

Roxann Lewis



Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$2,750.71

Ronald Reagan's Favorite Macaroni and Cheese

1/2 pound macaroni
1 teaspoon butter
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon hot water
1 cup milk
3 cups shredded sharp cheese

Boil macaroni in water until tender; drain thoroughly. Stir in butter and egg. Mix mustard and salt with hot water; add to milk. Add cheese to macaroni, leaving enough to sprinkle on top. Pour macaroni and cheese into buttered 1-quart casserole; add milk mixture; sprinkle with reserved cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or until custard is set and top is crusty. Serves 6-8.



Houston Tax Day Tea Party

Where do your tax dollars go?

Host: [Houston Tea Party](#)

Type: [Causes](#) - [Protest](#)

Network: Global

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Time: 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Location: 600 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002

Street: 600 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002

City/Town: Houston, TX

NEW VENUE JONES PLAZA DOWNTOWN!

The theme of our protest is "YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!"

After you've worked hard to pay YOUR taxes, Come protest WHAT they spend your tax dollars ON!

WHAT ARE THEY SPENDING YOUR TAX DOLLARS ON? LET'S SHOW THE PEOPLE OF HOUSTON!!

Signs can reflect the awful examples from stimuluswatch.org or other sites, such as "\$99,600 of your tax dollars for DOORBELLS IN MISSISSIPPI!"

Or make your own sign with your wish list!

"I NEED A PLASMA TV!"

"I NEED A NEW CAR!"

The purpose of this protest is to call attention to the ridiculous items in these bills and educate people about where their money REALLY goes!

HONK if you'll PAY MY TAXES!

Houston Tea Party Society

www.houstontps.org

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March 6, 2009 Minutes

President, Barbara Meeks, called the March Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on March 6, 2009 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Chaplain, Betty Suagee led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Celia Mabry.

Barbara introduced the elected officials, candidates and guests. Vice President Membership, Sarah Von Dran, asked the new members to stand.

Shirley Hendrickson introduced our speaker Charles Cotton, author of the Texas Castle Doctrine.

The business meeting resumed.

The minutes of the February 5th meeting published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

The Treasurer's Report was published in the newsletter. There were no corrections and the report will stand for internal review.

Officer Reports

- V. P. Membership: Sarah Von Dran stated that we have 43 full members and 31 associate members.
- V.P. Programs: Shirley Hendrickson announced that League City Mayor, Toni Randall, would be the speaker for the April meeting. She will give a "State of the City" report.

Committee Reports

- Campaign Activities Chairman: Rebecca Allcorn said that our members worked a total of 305.5 hours in February.
- Legislation Chairman: Carole Ragland said that she would email a legislative alert.
- Political Action: Roxann Lewis, Executive Director of the Galveston County Republican Party said that there would be a Voter Photo ID Rally in Austin on Tuesday on the South steps of the Capitol beginning at 7:45am. Everyone attending should wear red.

- Newsletter Editor: Carole Alexander said that she is in the process of updating email addresses.
- Publicity Chairman: Barbara announced that Celia Mabry would be the chairman.

New Business:

- Carole Alexander said that she is going to build a web site for CCRW. Carole made a motion that we allow for funds of up to \$150 to get a URL and a host for the website. Shirley Hendrickson seconded and the motion passed.
- Shirley Hendrickson volunteered to make a wine and cheese gift basket for the Galveston County Republican Party Lincoln Dinner Silent Auction. Items should be brought to the headquarters,

Announcements:

- Barbara reminded us about the Voter/Photo ID bill and rally.
- Barbara said that April 16th is TFRW's Legislative Day in Austin. CCRW is getting a bus. Two checks are needed: a \$30 Check is for the bus and a \$65 check is needed for the luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to wear red.
- Celia Mabry passed out a handout from our County Tax Assessor/Collector Cheryl Johnson.
- Barbara told of the Galveston County Lincoln Dinner to be held on March 27th at the Lone Star Flight Museum. She said that Benno's would be the caterer with former White House Press Secretary, Peter Roussell as the key-note speaker. Items are needed for the silent auction.
- Kathy Rogers announced that Friendswood Republican Women are having their meeting on March 26th.
- Debbie Roan announced that BARW will have their meeting at Bailey's on March 25th and Termit Watkins will be the speaker.
- Bonnie Wilson gave the table costs for the Galveston County Lincoln Dinner.
- Kathie Nenninger said that a birthday was inadvertently omitted from the newsletter. She said that Past President, Tommy Randolph's birthday is at the end of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Kathie Nenninger, Secretary

Legislation Watch



Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. Thomas Paine, 1777

◆ **Congratulations** to our own Rep. Larry Taylor, who was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Caucus for the 2009-2010 term.

◆ Hats off to Barbara Meeks, Roxann Lewis and all the others who journeyed to Austin to support the **Voter Photo ID** bill. I am happy to report that the Voter ID proposal (SB 362) has passed the Senate along party lines 19-12. It now goes to the House. We must let our representatives know how strongly we feel about this.

So very much depends on the passage of this bill. In my opinion, it doesn't matter how good a candidate is, how well a race is run or how much money is raised, if there is voter fraud at the polling place, you will lose. It's that simple.

◆ **The Texas Sovereignty Movement** - The 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that if a Federal law is not expressly supported by the Constitution, the states are not mandated to abide by it. HCR 50 and HCR 66, (co-sponsored by Reps. John Davis and Larry Taylor) affirm Texas' state rights under the 9th and 10th Constitutional amendments. These resolutions were introduced in light of federal overstepping of its constitutional power, such as proposed federal registration of all firearms and the revival of the Fairness Doctrine. Similar measures have been filed in over 26 states. These bills have received overwhelming statewide public support. HCR 50 is currently in the State Affairs Committee. Let's hope it doesn't languish there. We need passage of these bills.

◆ **Card Check Legislation** – Organized labor's top priority this Congress is the "Employee Free Choice Act." This measure would dramatically change U.S. labor law. Today, employees are entitled to a

private-ballot election when deciding whether they want union representation in their workplace. This legislation would do away with secret ballots in union organization elections. It is strongly supported by Democrats and organized labor. Our own Sen. John Cornyn has led the charge against this bill, along with Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC).

Thankfully, Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) has seen the light and indicated that he will not support this bill. Specter had co-sponsored similar legislation in the past, and his vote would have been useful in helping the legislation survive a likely filibuster by the bill's opponents. (Could it be that Sen. Specter is worried about a primary challenger in next year's election after his traitorous support of the "stimulus" bill?)

Friends, we must not let up in our "eternal vigilance" or we will surely lose everything. Please let our senators and legislators in both the Congress and State Legislature know your feelings. If you have misplaced your "cheat sheet" of names and addresses of elected officials, please let me know and I will be happy to provide you with another one.

Carole Ragland, Legislation



CCRW Birthdays

April	1	Evelyn Timmins
	1	Bonnie Wilson
	4	Larry Tobin
	8	Pamela Archer
	18	Laurie Sweatt
	18	Ginia Wray Wright
	19	Jerry Shults
	22	Gary Pearson
	23	Bill Quiroga
	26	Kathy Rogers
	30	Debra Roberts

**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2009 Membership Application**

Name _____

Spouse _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP + 4 _____ Precinct _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

(C) _____ Email _____

Birthday month/day _____

_____ Full Member \$25.00

_____ **Associate Member \$10.00**

_____ **Member of another Club? ___ Yes ___ No**

If yes, name of Club _____

Date Paid _____ Cash/Check # _____

I would like to help with the following committees:

- Audit Awards By-Laws Campaigns
 CCRW Directory Community Outreach Historian
 Hospitality ICM Tree Legislation
 Publicity Telephone Ways & Means

How did you learn about CCRW?

Prior political affiliations _____

Areas of interest

Please mail to Roxann Lewis, 2010 Island Manor Lane, League City, TX 77573, or bring to a CCRW meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month, August through May.

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