

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

At the very first meeting as the newly elected Clear Creek Republican Women's president, in January, 2013, the speaker was Beverly Roberts, the director of Concern Women for America of South Texas. Her topic was "How to Lobby From Your Home." To lobby simply means "to promote or secure the passage of legislation by influencing public officials." As a voter, you have the opportunity to lobby your legislator and influence legislation.

Her remarks were very helpful and timely right after the 2012 election. Since we have a new crop of elected legislators, it is time to refresh our memories and our commitment. It is time to let our new and not so new legislators hear from us. We need to let them hear not only when they are doing what they promised, but also when they are falling short of those promises.

Here are some pointers to keep in mind when you contact your legislators.

First, be well informed. Get your facts straight on the topic. Speak specifically about the one issue that you are concerned about. If it's a bill coming up for a vote, ask how he/she will be voting. Try to learn the bill number and/or title.

Secondly, be polite. Whether you communicate by mail, email, phone, twitter or through other social medium, you can be firm, but anger and threats will get you nowhere.

Thirdly, she suggested that the best time to write (or contact your legislator) is as soon as a bill is introduced.

Everyone is passionate or concerned about what is going on in our government. Whether it's at the local, state or federal levels, there are so many issues that it is impossible for any one person to keep on top of every piece of legislation coming down the pike. But, through networking, information can be shared so that others may be kept informed about the one issue that you are passionate about.

I have gotten emails, as you probably have, about an issue that was under the radar. But because the information was forwarded to me, I was able to distribute it to my email list and in turn, they distributed to their email address list, etc., etc. Because it was disseminated among a wider network, they became informed and took action, resulting in a favorable outcome. By networking our one voice becomes many. My mother used to tell me that "many hands make light work." In this case, many voices can make a difference and change a nation.

As we come to the end of another year (a very busy year), I want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. May you and your family enjoy each other and remember that without Christ, there wouldn't be **'CHRIST' MAS**.

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CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN DECEMBER 2014 GUEST SPEAKER



Deborah (Debbie) Guitian Roan

was born and raised in New York City and graduated from Queens College with a BA in Education. However, she spent her career in medical administration.

Debbie got her start in conservative Republican politics well before she got to Texas. While in Maryland, she became active with a Republican club and in Republican campaigning. After working the Presidential and local campaigns in 2000, she then helped to elect a Republican Governor, Bob Ehrlich, in 2001 – that State’s first Republican Governor in over thirty years.

She has been a dedicated member of the Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) since her arrival in 2003 to Texas. She joined BARW at the March, 2004 meeting; and by 2005, she was Corresponding Secretary, followed by 1st Vice President (Membership) and then President in 2007 and 2008. She was again elected as President in 2012 and 2013. Debbie has served on several committees including BARW’s Lincoln Day Dinner, which she chaired in 2006 and has co-chaired or chaired every year since. In 2008 she received the BARW Volunteer of the Year award, and in 2010 she was honored as their Woman of the Year.

Debbie has been a delegate representing BARW to the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women since 2006. In 2010 Debbie

was appointed Campaign Activities Chair for the Council, a position she still holds today.

Debbie’s contributions to the conservative Republican cause have expanded to the State level. In addition to all her commitments at the local and regional levels, she has served as the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Patrons Chairman for 2010 and 2011, and is currently the Candidate Development Chair (2012-2014). In a local/State liaison and coordination role, she also has served as TFRW District Director for SD11 since April, 2013, helping 10 clubs thrive. She has been a delegate to the TFRW Convention in 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, and to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) convention in 2009, 2011 and 2013. In 2009 she co-chaired the enormously successful 900-women TFRW Convention in Galveston.

For the Party itself, Debbie has been a precinct and then senatorial district (SD11) convention delegate in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014, and served as a delegate to the State Convention in those same years. Debbie is a tireless campaign volunteer and has worked on many local, state and national campaigns helping to get Republicans elected. She has organized numerous Republican primary ‘candidate fora’ across multiple campaign seasons so the grassroots could get to know and question their primary candidates. As a member and officer of BARW she has played a major role along with former SD11 District Director, Lilian Norman Keeney, in running the Harris County Republican HQ Southeast in Clear Lake in the 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012 election cycles.

Other awards and accomplishments include:

TFRW Tribute to Women Honoree 2008, 2012
SREC SD11 Volunteer of the Year 2013
TFRW "Top Ten Outstanding Republican Women"
2013

Debbie is married to Bernie Roan. They met during High School, when they both worked in a super-market, he as a stock boy, she as a checker. They have 3 children: a married daughter; a son who resides in College Park, MD; and a son who lives at home. They have two grandchildren.

YOU ARE CORDALLY INVITED TO

**Clear Creek Republican Women's
Christmas Luncheon**

2015 Officer Installation
& New Member Recruitment
December 5, 2014
at Tad Akers
218 Clear Creek Ave. League City
Doors open at 11:00 am
\$35*

RSVP to reservations.ccrw@gmail.com
by Friday November 28, 2014

Make checks to CCRW PAC and Mail to:
Barbara J. Vollmer - 2201 Colonial Court North,
League City, TX 77573

*Tickets must be purchased in Advance *
No tickets will be available at the door

Please bring a wrapped gift, labeled man or woman, for residents of Baywind Nursing Home

(Warm scarves, Shoulder blankets, Mittens, Warm Socks, Slippers, Stuffed animals to cuddle, Small pillows Fleece covers (just cut fleece fabric into 12 x 18 pieces) , Red hats for their Red Hat Group)

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR
114TH CONGRESS**

Please Join
*The National Federation of
Republican Women*
As We Celebrate
*The Republican Women
of the
114th Congress*

*Tuesday, January 6, 2015
4 o'clock in the afternoon*

*The Capitol Hill Club
300 First St SE
Washington, DC 20003*

*RSVP by December 17 to
Anushya Ramaswamy at
events@nfrw.org
or call (703) 548-9688*



From the suburbs of Houston, to the Rio Grand Valley to the hill country of central Texas and beyond, our state represents women of all backgrounds, culture and expertise.

At Red State Women, we believe Texas women embody a can-do, independent strength that is best reflected and embodied in Republican Party policies.

It is our mission to engage, empower and inspire all Texas women to become proud, politically active members of the Republican Party.

[Get Involved at RedStateWomen.com](http://RedStateWomen.com)

Help Build Membership-Invite a Friend

CCRW Christmas Luncheon offers a perfect opportunity to grow our membership. Republicans are excited about our victories. What a perfect opportunity to bring a guest - perhaps she'll even become a new member!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dear Republican Women,

It's dues time again and you will not want to miss being a Clear Creek Republican Woman in 2015.

Our goal is to surpass the 2014 membership of 75 members.

Clear Creek Republican Women is the place to be for keeping up to date on issues of interest in our county, state, and nation, as well as meeting elected officials and candidates for office, and making like-minded friends.

We want YOU in!!



Not out!!!

A Membership application is attached for your convenience. We have an exciting year ahead, so come and join.

If you have already paid your 2015 dues, YEA!! You are IN!! Thank you.

Loretta Roberts,
Membership Chair

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Do we celebrate **CHRISTMAS** or xmas?

'Tis the Season of frantic shopping for gifts, decorating our homes, attending parties, and it is easy to forget the real reason for Christmas --the birth of our Savior!

"For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders, and He will be called
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
MIGHTY GOD
EVERLASTING FATHER
PRINCE OF PEACE (Isaiah 9:6)

He meets our every need! Keep CHRIST In Christmas and "Thank God for His Indescribable Gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Arlene Taylor, Chaplain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

December

2	Paula Villeneuve
10	Bertha Adams
15	Hon. John Grady
19	Hon. Kerry Neves
21	Nisha Roady;
21	Hon. Lonnie Cox
23	Garet Nenninger
25	Genevieve Buckaloo
26	George Marcom



THERE ARE STILL RUNOFF ELECTIONS

EARLY VOTING DEC. 8 – DEC. 12
ELECTION DAY DEC. 16

CHECK WITH YOUR CITY SECRETARY OR
WWW.GALVESTONVOTES.ORG FOR INFORMATION

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
November 7, 2014**

President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women (the "Club") meeting to order at 12:00 Noon Central Standard Time on November 7, 2014 at La Brisa Mexican Restaurant in League City. The County Commissioner Ken Clark led the invocation and District Clerk John Kinard led the United States and Texas Pledges of Allegiance. Ms. Wilson welcomed elected officials and runoff candidates and asked them to introduce themselves and comment briefly to attendees. She then welcomed guests and new members.

Reports:

Membership: Loretta Roberts, 1st Vice President Membership, reported that the Club currently has 76 full members and 62 associate members for 2014, and she introduced two members who had just joined at the meeting. She announced that the Club now has a new category with one member in that category: Young (under 18) Male Affiliate Associate. Ms. Roberts then asked all current members to renew their memberships for 2015 no later than December 2014.

Treasurer: Ms. Wilson reported for the Club's Treasurer that a \$500 deposit had been made to Tad Akers for the December Christmas party from the \$2660.39 left in the checking account at the end of October. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for internal review.

Approval of Minutes:

The Club's President reminded attendees that minutes of the May meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked whether there were any corrections to be made. None being offered, the minutes were approved as printed.

Ms. Wilson then closed the business portion of the meeting and Roxann Lewis (2nd Vice-President, Programs) introduced this month's speaker, Emily Kebodeaux, Texas Right to Life Political Director. Ms. Kebodeaux gave information about the various programs, scholarships and political legislative activities of Texas Right to Life. She stated that the recent election results were encouraging and spoke about how informing voters was key. And she urged attendees to remain vigilant in holding elected officials accountable because a Republican victory was not necessarily a conservative victory. Before closing, Ms. Kebodeaux answered questions from attendees.

Announcements: Ms. Wilson asked for and received the following announcements from the floor:

November 11 Veteran's Day

November 18 Houston Galveston Area Council (13-county area) meets in Houston and will consider language for retirement plans.

December 3 Bay Area Republican Women

December 4 Bay Area Pachyderms meet at Spring Creek Barbecue

December 5 CCRW Christmas Luncheon and Installation of 2015 Officers

December 8 Early Voting begins for League City Council Runoff

December 16 League City Council Runoff

January 10 CCRW General Membership meeting

January 15 Republican Network hosts Rafael Cruz at La Brisa

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Sargent, Recording Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3 **Bay Area Republican Women's** annual Egg Nog Party, 11:00am – 1:30pm at the home of Dr. Wynn & Mary McMullen, 3207 Acorn Wood Way, Houston, 281-486-1655. Donations for Fisher House will be taken. Free. Open to All.

- 4 **Bay Area Pachyderm**, 6:30pm at Spring Creek Barbecue, 2710 Gulf Frwy. (I-45 Frontage Road) For information contact caroleannealexander@yahoo.com or call 281-733-7849

- 5 **Clear Creek Republican Women's** Christmas Luncheon/Installation of Officers, at Tad Akers Event Facility, 281 Clear Creek Ave, League City, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tickets. \$35.00 **Payment in advance.** **RESERVATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH** Contact Barbara J. Vollmer at reservations.ccrw@gmail.com or call 713-208-9527.

- 9 **Mid-County Republican Network.** Social, 6:30 p.m., Program, 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: FBI Agent Richard Renison, Topic: ISIS and Threats to our Country. For location and more information contact Karen Stephens at 409-771-3056

- 16 **Greater Houston Council Federated Women**, 9:30 a.m., Social, 10:30 a.m., Meeting -SOSA Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, www.qhcfw.org

- 17 **Galveston Republican Women**, 11:00 a.m, Social, 12:00, Lunch. Hilton Hotel, Seawall Blvd. For more information and to make reservations, Contact Betty Henry 817 996-3452 or bettylou71842@att.net

DATE CHANGE...PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE SECOND FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH DUE TO NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name on the Card: _____

TYPE OF CARD: ___VISA ___MC ___DISCOVER ___OTHER

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____ (BACK OF CARD)

Address: City/State/Zip_____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Item Purchased: _____ Amount: _____

**By signing this form, you authorize Clear Creek Republican Women PAC to charge your card for the amount listed above. Please mail to Barbara J. Vollmer, 2201 Colonel Ct., N., League City, TX 77573
Deadline: Friday, November 28, 2014.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____



**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2015 Membership Application**

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ Precinct # _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers (H) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Occupation _____ Birthday (Month/day) _____

Full Member \$25.00 ** _____

New Member _____ Renewal* _____

*Member since _____

Associate Member \$15.00 _____

Member of another RW Club? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, name of club _____

How did you hear about CCRW? Newspaper (name) _____ Website (name) _____

Friend (name) _____ Other _____

I would like to help with the following (Please check all that interest you)

Audits _____ Awards _____ By-Laws _____ CCRW Directory _____ Historian _____ Hospitality _____ Legislation _____

Newsletter _____ Community Outreach _____ Parliamentarian _____ Publicity _____ Fundraising _____ Website _____

Hobbies/Areas/Topics of Interest/Comments _____

Please mail membership application and check to:
Lesley Bruemmer, CCRW PAC Treasurer, 2301 Meadows, League City, Texas 77573

Date Paid _____	Check# _____	Cash _____	Credit Card _____	Amt. Paid _____
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Corporate Contributions Are Not Permitted