

# Clear Creek Republican Women



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## December 2009 Newsletter

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### *Calendar*

December 3rd.

Clear Creek Republican Women Meets Thursday,  
Butler's Courtyard, Hwy. 518 League City, 11:30  
a.m. Social/Lunch Meeting 12-1 p.m.

December 3, 10, 17th

Galveston Island Pachyderms meet weekly on  
Galveston Island at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd.  
11:30 a.m.

December

Republican Network does not meet in December.

December 16<sup>th</sup>

Galveston Republican Women meets at Gaidos,  
3800 Seawall Blvd., 11:30a.m.

December (no regular meeting)

Friendswood RW Perry's Grill Friendswood  
11:15a.m.

December (No regular meeting)

Sandpipers Republican Women of Galveston  
Shrimp 'N Stuff, 3902 Ave. O

December (No regular meeting)

Bay Area RW Bailey's Grill, Seabrook 11:30 a.m.

### *December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Social*



CCRW's Annual Christmas Social will be held on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the historic Butler Building, built 100 years ago this month!

Officers for 2010 will be installed by Justice Eva Guzman of the Texas Supreme Court and include: Barbara Meeks – President; Sarah Von Dran – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership; Shirley Hendrickson – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Programs; Penny Ignazio – Recording Secretary; Benny Cheney – Corresponding Secretary; and Fran Gordon – Treasurer.

As we celebrate the Christmas Season, it will also be time to renew our dues, and it is the perfect time to bring friends and neighbors who may be prospective new members!

Doors open at 11:30am and a delicious buffet lunch will be served at 12 noon. Cost is \$25 per person, all inclusive, can be paid at the door. Reservations are required! Please phone your RSVP to Barbara at 281-236-3566 or email [Meeksbarbara@aol.com](mailto:Meeksbarbara@aol.com).

We hope to see you there!

*Barbara Meeks, President*

## *2010 Programs*

We're planning a joint meeting with some of our sister clubs, some great speakers, a real surprise or two ... can't say what or who, or it wouldn't be a surprise, and lots of fun and laughs and work to get Conservative candidates elected. Stay tuned to this spot, as details will be announced as they unfold.

We have had a great year, learned a lot from some very special speakers, and I believe that we have become better equipped to do our jobs ... and that is my goal in providing speakers for us. As political events unfold, please, remember that God is in charge. So, as we enter the Christmas season, let's keep CHRIST at the center of our thoughts and plans. He will see us through every area of our lives, if we will only get out of His way and give it all to Him, accepting His direction for all that we do ... and do it ALL in His name.

Merry CHRISTmas to all!

*Shirley Hendrickson, VP Programs*

### *From the President*

December is a great time to reflect on the past year, and to plan for the year ahead. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. And yes, we can overcome the complete disgust we feel for the "change" brought about by our President. We can look forward to and help influence the 2010 Elections! Let's give him a dose of his own medicine, with change we can believe in – a Republican Majority!

I want to thank all of you who volunteered at the TFRW Convention! There are hundreds of women across our great state who are ready to get down to business after the first of the year! The large number of convention delegates tells me two things. First, that they wanted to see and support post-Ike Galveston, and second, that they are fed up with democrats and want a Republican majority! We are going to be very busy next year!

I also want to thank you for your involvement in CCRW this past year. Our Club is only as successful as its members' efforts, and YOU have helped us grow!

Our December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Social will be a fun time to relax, laugh and enjoy the company of our

Republican friends. It is an honor that Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman will install our 2010 CCRW Officers!

This will be our last newsletter before Christmas, and I wish you and your families a blessed, happy and healthy Holiday, filled with the Spirit of Christmas!

See you Thursday, December 3 at Butler's Courtyard in League City's Historic District!

*Barbara Meeks*  
*President*



### *Community Outreach* \_\_\_\_\_

We are planning to put together some Christmas goody bags for the children at Simm's Elementary. We have a list of suggestions from the school librarian and with the money collected at the next meeting we will be able to create some nice gifts.

*Sarah Von Dran*  
*Community Outreach*



### *Membership Memo* \_\_\_\_\_

Now is the time to renew your 2010 CCRW membership. Dues are \$25 for Full Members and \$15 for Associate Members. Final count of our 2009 membership will be published in the January newsletter.

*Sarah Von Dran 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
*Membership*

# Clear Creek Republican Women

November 6, 2009 Minutes

President Barbara Meeks called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on November 6, 2009 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Bonnie Wilson led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tyler Nelson from Congressman Olsen's office and the Texas Pledge led by Deborah Winters Cheney..

Barbara introduced the elected officials and the candidates attending and 17 guests.

Barbara Meeks introduced Shirley Hendrickson VP programs who introduced our guest speaker Dr. Warren Cheney.

The business meeting resumed.

The minutes of the May meeting that were published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

Roxann Lewis gave the Treasurer's Report stating that we have an ending balance of \$3,274.59 as published in the newsletter. There were no corrections and the report will stand for internal review.

## Officer Reports

- V. P. Membership: In Sarah Von Dran's absence, Barbara stated that we have 67 full members and 46 associate members.
- V.P> Programs: Barbara announced that the December meeting will be the Christmas social at Butler's Courtyard from 11:30-1:30pm. The cost will be \$25. Reservations are needed and anyone wanted to attend can give a check to Benny Cheney.

## Committee Reports

- Campaign Activities Chairman: Rebecca Allcorn said that our members worked a total of 504.5 hours in October, and a total of 4,180 volunteer hours for the year.*
- Political Action: Roxann Lewis told of two projects spearheaded by the County Party. The 'Adopt a Kettle program " is done with the Salvation Army. Volunteers are needed from 10-6 for one hour shifts. It will be at one of the Kroger stores in League City. Carole Alexander spoke on the other

project, 'Be a Santa to a Senior'. There will be a tree at the GOP headquarters. The ornaments on the tree will have the names and wish lists of seniors. Volunteers can choose one of the seniors to buy a gift for.

- Community Outreach: Barbara announced that last month's generous donation of \$131 provided all of the books on the librarian's list at Simm's Elementary School in la Marque. Today's donation will go to their video library.
- Barbara thanked Carole Alexander for the wonderful newsletter and new website.

## Special Committee Reports

- Barbara said that CCRW members will decorate a Christmas tree for ICM on Sunday November 29th at South Shore Harbour Resort from 12-6. More ornaments are needed and they can be brought that day.
- Barbara announced that CCRW will have a review of the treasury at the end of the year. Members of the committee will be the current and new treasurer, the President and a member at large.

## New Business

- Barbara said that CCRW has two additional Alternate Delegates to the TFRW convention. They are Barbara Nowlin and Cindy Seidensticker. Roxann Lewis moved that we accept the two additional delegates. Bonnie Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

## Announcements

- CCRW Chaplin Celia Mabry had a knee replacement. Gwen Newman is at home with her ailing husband. Keep them both in your thoughts.
- The Tea Party Express will be at Sam Houston Raceway tomorrow.
- Deborah Winters Cheney announced that Bay Area Christian Church will be feeding 500 people at noon on Thanksgiving. If anyone knows someone in need, give their name to Deborah.
- Tommye Randolph thanked members for bringing calendars for Devereux. Calendars can be brought again at the December meeting.

- CCRW directories are available for new members.
- Barbara thanked Esteban's for the wonderful lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08PM.

***Kathie Nenninger,***  
***Secretary***

### **CCRW 2009 Officers**

President	Barbara Meeks	281-236-3566
1st VP Membership	Sarah Von Dran	281-482-2990
2nd VP Programs	Shirley Hendrickson	832-221-0419
Recording Secretary	Kathie Nenninger	281-334-4418
Corresponding Secretary	Benny Cheney	713-367-5951
Treasurer	Roxann Lewis	281-557-8060

### **News Editor Corner**

#### **ICM Christmas Tree**

CCRW will participate with Interfaith Caring Ministries Festival of Trees, by decorating a Christmas tree, which will be auctioned off to a local business. The business with the highest bid for each tree will display the tree in their business, to show support of ICM

Please join CCRW members as they decorate the tree on Sunday, November 29th from noon to 6pm at South Shore Harbour Resort. Over the years, we have been collecting ornaments from members, with a red, white and blue patriotic theme.

If you have any ornaments that you would like to donate, please bring them with you on Sunday!

After the first of the year, we will ask for volunteers to help remove the decorations from our tree, location to be announced. To learn more about ICM visit [www.ICMTX.org](http://www.ICMTX.org).

Come join the fun as we enter the Christmas Season!

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### **Member News**

Prayers needed...

Please keep these two CCRW members in your prayers.

Gwen Newman's husband, Alan, passed away early this morning November, 27th. diagnosed with advance-stage cancer.

Visitation will be held at the Forest Park Cemetery at Interstate 45 between NASA 1 and 518 on Monday, November 30th from 4-7PM.

On Wednesday his body will be flown to Missouri where most of the Newman's family reside. His funeral service and burial will be in Missouri.

Gwen will surely appreciate your prayers, your visitation or a brief note.

Celia Mabry who had knee surgery on Nov 3rd.

I am sure both would love a card or call.

If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer let me know.

***Benny Cheney***

***Corresponding Secretary***

[bennycheney@earthlink.net](mailto:bennycheney@earthlink.net)

713-367-5951

### **Campaign Activities**

Good news ladies,..you have reported over 4,000 volunteer hours! Your hours demonstrate our club's strength and influence in electing Republicans and conservative bills. Remember to count the time you spend at rallies on behalf of Healthcare bill, TEA Parties, and other events as well as the hours you spend working on the campaigns of our Republican candidates. Thank you for your dedication to CCRW, to Texas, and to American!

***Rebecca Allcorn***

***Campaign Activities***



**TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN  
27<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION REPORT**

It's hard to believe that just over one year ago we were informed that Galveston had been chosen to host the 2009 Texas Federation of Republican Women's Convention (TFRW). Some of us expressed doubt and wondered if it was even feasible must less possible. After all, Galveston and the entire Gulf Coast had just experienced a devastating hurricane. Questions abounded. Would we be ready in time, could we pull it together and we wondered whether Galveston would even be functional by then? There was so much damage to the infrastructure as well as to all the hotels and other businesses. But, Toni Anne Dashiell, TFRW President, encouraged us to go forward. Every meeting she would say, "We can do it and it'll be fun."

Well, she was right. With the leadership and guidance of Toni Anne and Convention Co-Chairman, Debbie Guitain-Roan, we did it and it was fun and the 27<sup>th</sup> TFRW Convention held in Galveston, Texas on November 12 – 15, 2009 is in the history books

Within days after the convention, emails began to fly between all the committee chairmen congratulating each other on a job well done. It began to sound as if we had become a mutual admiration society.

But then I stepped back and looked at each of the ladies and a bigger picture began to emerge. Each one of the ladies is a leader in her own right. Some are businesswomen, some own and run their own businesses, many serve as Republican Women Club presidents or former presidents, some hold leadership positions in their communities, yet, they put aside their title and position, came together and worked as a cohesive team.

Early in our planning meetings we talked about what we, as Republican Women, could do to help the Galveston community. Sally Prill, Off-site Event /Tour Chairman and President, Galveston Women Republican Club suggested we help the Galveston Independent School District Education Foundation replace books for their school libraries. She arranged for the GISD to set up a booth at the convention. During the three day convention many opened up their hearts and pocketbooks and

TFRW presented the GISD Education Foundation with a check for \$4,751.50. Thanks to all of you for reaching out to touch a community that is still recovering.

But, before closing the book completely, I would like to share a few excerpts and thoughts from those who helped and attended the convention.

I think Sally Prill summed up the attitude of all the chairmen and their committees very well.

She said, "I (want to) express my respect for the manner in which you all handled your respective responsibilities during the build-up to the convention. It made the entire planning and execution a pleasure rather than a chore. Very few egos were evident and it all just worked and it was all done by volunteers!"

And these commitments from Kathy Rogers, Convention Secretary and Lillian Norman-Keeney, District Director:

"The committees functioned extremely efficiently in an egoless manner where everyone was working toward a common goal without thoughts of personal glory! We also had something excellent in common, our conservative values!"(Kathy Rogers)

What a wonderful group of women, all committed to the cause, we worked in concert just as we do for campaigns and as usual, great team work made it happen."  
Lillian Norman-Keeney)

Other comments from across Texas:

I've traveled this past week to Lake Conroe and Kerrville only to hear outstanding comments on the convention. It's all because each and every one of you put your heart and soul into the convention. I've bragged all year on this committee and I will continue to do so because you are the BEST.

***Toni Anne Dashiell,  
President TFRW***

"After the final lunch of the convention, I was saying good-bye to one of our delegates. This particular delegate had recently been honored by our club, Montgomery County Republican Women, as

one of the founding members of our club 30 years ago. She told me this was, by far, the best convention she had ever attended, and she had been to quite a few! I thought it was the nicest compliment we could have received!"

**Donna Barr,**  
**Decorations Co-Chairman**

"From my position, I was able to hear a lot of comments from the attendees. The main things I heard were that it was the best convention that they had been to. They also commented on how nice this "Galveston Crew" was. It's funny, because as far as I know, we have never known anything but congeniality. It's just part of who we are. I think that compliment speaks volumes, and I wholeheartedly concur. I am quite honored to be associated with all of you. "

**Shannon Trochesset,**  
**Sergeant at Arms/Pages**

"I heard from one of the Pages that many people complimented them on how helpful and well-behaved they were (she thought maybe they weren't in other years)...They got a lot of nice comments! Kudos to Shannon Trochesset on that!

**Kathy Rogers,**  
**Convention Secretary**

"The camaraderie of ladies who had never met before from four different counties surrounding the Galveston area was unbelievable. New friendships were forged and the experiences never forgotten. "

**Kathie Nenner,**  
**VIP Chairman**

"The organizing of (registration) and the signing in routine was already decided by TFRW and because of their previous experience, everything went smoothly.

All my volunteers were a joy to work with too! I loved telling them, "We don't handle any problems. All problems are sent to the office!"

**Deborah Winters Chaney,**  
**Registration Chairman**

On that note, I would like to commend the TFRW office personnel. Because of them, the convention

operated much more smoothly. They were courtesy and efficient. They were problem solvers, assuring everything was on track. They may be behind the scenes, but they are a great asset to the TFRW organization. If any of you have occasion to call the TFRW office, thank them for their service and dedication, not only for a great convention, but for their day to day commitment to help ensure TFRW is a viable, conservative voice in shaping governmental policies and laws.

On another note, David Townsend, Director of Convention Planning, San Luis Resort, Galveston, and our "go to" person for the convention, paid us a great compliment. He said he has heard a lot of speakers but we had the best speakers of any convention. My response was that we were Republicans. Enough said!

Casey Farris, Sergeant at Arms/Page Committee, who lives on the Island remarked, "I am..thrilled that the island did her part beautifully to welcome the conventioners." That they did.

It's a great testimony to good leadership, good work ethics, and good teamwork when attendees and others come away praising the event as a success. Due to space constraints, I am unable to share every comment, but hope you can sense and feel the excitement from these few excerpts.

Carolyn Hodges, Gala Chairman, put it very succinctly, "Great convention leadership and committee chairs plus our wonderful committee members made the perfect combination for a memorable event. It was great to be a part of it."

Well put, Carolyn. I would like to add a thank you to all the delegates, alternates, guest, vendors and speakers who were the "icing "on the cake that made this a truly, extraordinary event.

There is an adage that says, "When you want something done right, let a woman do it." Ok. That might be a little trite, but you get the picture. Also, there is another cliché used in showbiz, "Leave them wanting more." We hope that each of you were left wanting more and are even now making plans for the 2011 Convention in Ft. Worth.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**Bonnie Wilson**

Go to [www.kemah.net](http://www.kemah.net) or the TFRW website to see all the pictures.

**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     Newsletter  
 Publicity     Telephone     Ways & Means     Web

How did you learn about CCRW?

\_\_\_\_\_

Prior political affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of interest \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out and bring to a CCRW meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month, August through May.**



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