

Clear Creek Republican Women

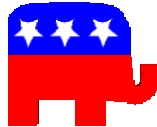


March 2006 Newsletter

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Cindy's Sidelines



"You can never have the right to choose what is fundamentally wrong"

~ Abraham Lincoln

I believe that as we begin our work on campaigns, that this is precisely what we are working to prevent. We are serving the greater good. Kerry Neeves, our February speaker, shared with us the implications of Roe v Wade. This is but one of many issues on which we differ with democrats.

We need to keep this quote in mind as we work for candidates. Carefully select who you will support and check their principals. Then get to work! Not only is the work fun, but it should make us aware of the importance of what we do.

I feel honored to live in a country where we, as women, are able to make a real difference. I am proud to be part of an organization of dedicated women who stand on the right side of these important issues.

On February 4th, several CCRW members and I attended the TFRW Training Workshop in Austin. What an inspiration! We are pumped to get our club involved in the many ways we can serve to help direct our County, State, and Nation.

Come to the meetings and let's get to work!

Cindy Seidensticker, President

March 3rd Program



Dr. Warren Chaney will be the keynote speaker at the March 3rd meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women.

This program will be about "The Politics of Hollywood" which are formed by "misguided beliefs and an absence of values".

Dr. Chaney works in Hollywood as a producer, director, and screenwriter for motion picture and broadcast television productions. Chaney and his family currently live in Friendswood, and are former residents of Hollywood, California.

This intriguing program will reveal the liberal shallowness of Hollywood's thinking society, their lack of patriotism, and the dislike for all things conservative.

Diane Gillette, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events



March 2: Republican Party of Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner, South Shore Harbour. See details this page.
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Galveston Island Pachyderms, weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.
March 3: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.
March 7: Election Day. GOTV!
March 15: Galveston Republican Women at Landrys, Seawall at 53rd 11:30am. Reservations 409-945-3938.
March 16: Galveston County Republican Network County Annex on Calder Road in League City. Social 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
March 22: Bay Area Republican Women, meets at Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10am.
March 23: Friendswood Republican Women meets at Perry's Grille, 614 South Friendswood Drive, 11am.
March 25: Senatorial District Convention at Creekside Intermediate School in League City. 9am to 4pm.
March 28: Sandpiper Republican Women meets at Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road at 11:45am.
March 30: CCRW Board Meeting, 9am, League City's Galveston County Annex on Calder Road.
June 2-3: State Republican Party Convention in San Antonio.

Treasury Report

Current Balances:
PAC Treasury \$ 2,004.20
Petty Cash 550.76
Total On Hand \$ 2,554.96



Glenda Barnes

Membership Notes . . .

Please extend a warm welcome to new members, Nancy Forshey and Pam Taylor, who joined in February. We also welcome two new associate members, Fred Forshey and William "Bill" Quiroga. With your help, we can continue to grow the membership of CCRW. Please bring a friend on March 3rd!

Teri Goodman

February 3rd Minutes

The regular meeting of the Clear Creek Republican Women was called to order at 12 noon by President Cindy Seidensticker. Chaplain Shirley Hendrickson gave the invocation. Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag was led by Bettie Moss.

Membership VP Teri Goodman announced two new associate and two new full members, with totals of 30 associate and 34 full members. Jeannie Plass introduced four CCRW guests. President Seidensticker asked candidates and elected officials

to introduce themselves. Programs VP Diane Gillette introduced speaker Kerry Neves, a Galveston Attorney. Neves gave an informative program regarding Roe v. Wade, and its impact on Supreme Court nominees. A question and answer period followed. The regular meeting resumed and minutes from January were approved as printed in the Newsletter. The Treasurer's report was printed in the Newsletter, and will stand for audit. An internal audit for 2005 was performed and all was in order.

Legislative Chair, Tommye Randolph, mentioned Pres. Bush's State of the Union Address; the Patriot Act was extended to March 10th. A Hostess was assigned to each table and CCRW business cards were also at each table, to be given to potential members. Historian Becky Hagedorn asked for CCRW pictures for the new scrapbook.

Party Chair Kevin Corcoran and Bonnie Wilson will accept checks for the Lincoln Day Dinner to be held at South Shore Harbour on March 2nd. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott will be the Speaker. CCRW voter registration volunteers Cindy Seidensticker, Kathie Nenninger, Glenda Barnes, and Barbara Meeks registered 50 Clear Creek High School students on Wednesday February 1.

Commissioner Ken Clark announced that the Republican Women's Club in the county that registers the most voters, February 1 to August 31, will receive a prize of \$1,000. Diane Gillette announced Producer/Director, Dr. Warren Cheney will speak March 3rd and present a first-hand view of liberal Hollywood, entitled "Politics of Hollywood".

Barbara Meeks announced the Clear Creek Clean-Up will be held Saturday February 25, at the FM 270 boat ramp park. CCRW should have a large presence to advertise our Club.

President Seidensticker adjourned the meeting at 1pm.

Norma Byous, Secretary

Lincoln Day Dinner

The day is very nearly here! The Republican Party of Galveston County's Lincoln Day Dinner will be held at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center on March 2nd. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott will be the guest speaker, and he will be available for a VIP reception preceding the dinner. Limited tickets are available, so make your reservation today! Call 281-554-6890.



State GOP Convention

The Republican Party of Texas will hold the 2006 State Convention in San Antonio June 2-3. Delegates will approve the State Party's Platform, Party Rules and elect State Chair, Vice Chair and officers. CCRW Member Robin Armstrong is a candidate for Vice Chair! To be a delegate at the State Convention, you must attend your local Precinct Convention, and the March 25th County Convention.



March Birthdays

March 11	Becky Hagedorn
20	Peree Griffin
20	Pam Matranga
21	Debbie Lindemann
26	Sherry Ottinger
29	Tommye Randolph



If we missed your birthday, please let me know so we can update our records and mention your special day next month!

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Victim Reduction Courts



*Guest Editorial: Judge Robert W. Francis,
Criminal District Court #3, Dallas
President, "Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals"*

Texans, like all Americans want to reduce crime and thereby reduce the numbers of innocent victims. In this effort we have instituted programs and slogans such as "Zero Tolerance" and "Tough On Crime", yet our crime rates continue to increase. The public has demanded that the legislature and courts come up with a solution. The result has been the development of "Drug Treatment Courts".

Drug treatment courts are designed to work with non-violent offenders to transform their behavior so that they comply with the rules that the rest of us follow. Graduates of these courts are drug free, employed, responsible citizens who pay taxes instead of using up valuable tax dollars. The best result of course, is a reduction of the number of Texans who would otherwise be crime victims.

Texas has approximately fifty different drug treatment courts in operation at this time. Whether they are pre-indictment, post-indictment, diversionary or post-conviction they all operate on the same basic premise. Change peoples behavior through a graduated system of incentives and sanctions, and you can improve the lives of all Texans at a minimal cost.

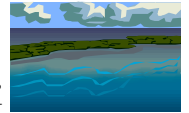
Studies done at local, state and national levels all validate the success of these courts in reducing crime substantially. The average cost of imprisoning an offender is around \$28.00 a day, court programs cost around \$2.50 a day. Not only do these courts reduce crime, they save tax dollars and open prison beds so that violent offenders serve longer sentences, thus serving to protect us and our children.

From Governor Rick Perry all the way down to your local courthouse, elected officials have endorsed this type of innovation as being highly successful and conservative.

Next time you are at your courthouse, stop by and observe the "Drug Treatment Court" in your own jurisdiction and see crime reduction in action. As Texans we must continue to be "Smart On Crime" and "Make Our Communities Safer".

Outreach

For those of you who love last minute plans, join CCRW at the Clear Creek Clean Up! It will be held **tomorrow, Saturday February 25th**, from 8am until noon, at the FM 270 Boat Ramp Park in League City. Souvenir tee shirts for early birds. Lunch and door prizes for everyone! Call 281-236-3566 for last minute information!



Campaign Headquarter News

Volunteers are always welcome at the Republican Campaign Headquarters, located one mile west of I-45 on Main Street in League City. Help Republican Candidates sail to victory by volunteering at the office! Call 281-554-6890 to help!

Campaigns

Please report volunteer hours to me each month! Count the hours you spend at Party Headquarters, block walking, election training and election work. Call me at 281-535-0400 or e-mail d.l.maloney@netzero.net. Associate members not affiliated with another group can also report their hours. **Donna**



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Legislative Update



AUSTIN - Lt. Governor David Dewhurst recently named State Senator Mike Jackson (R - La Porte) Chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee. The Committee is responsible for confirming the Governor's appointees to positions at approximately 400 boards, commissions and agencies in Texas. Committee members interview appointees at public hearings throughout the legislative session and then vote on whether or not to recommend each appointee to the full senate for confirmation. As chairman, Senator Jackson will schedule hearings, meet with appointees and their respective staff and direct the committee through the confirmation process.

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry launched "Operation Rio Grande," a state-led initiative to address escalating violence, increase border security and ensure Texans' safety. The operation brings together a variety of state resources to better secure the Texas-Mexico border from Brownsville to El Paso.

WASHINGTON DC - Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Vice Chair of the Senate Republican Conference, introduced a motion to instruct conferees for the Tax Reconciliation Act to make the state sales tax deduction permanent. This passed by a vote of 75-25 and gives guidance to the conferees as they develop the final version of the tax bill.

WASHINGTON DC - Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), chairman of the Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship subcommittee, urged the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on February 7 to speed implementation of the recently announced border-crossing cards for U.S. citizens. In a letter to DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff, Cornyn said, "increased security at our borders must be combined with policies that facilitate legal travel." Cornyn also reiterated his request for DHS to extend the laser visa period to six months for legal Mexican visitors, giving them full parity with Canadians.

Cornyn, the Border Texan of the Year for 2005, applauded DHS and the State Department for announcing in January a secure, less-expensive passport card for use by U.S. citizens in border communities, and also asked for an application-fee waiver for low-income Americans.

Kathie Nenninger



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"A wise and frugal government . . . shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

~ Thomas Jefferson