

Clear Creek Republican Women



March 2005 Newsletter

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From the President



Red People from Blue States...

While traveling through the coastal Yucatan in Mexico, I was alarmed by the residences of my traveling companions. *They were from blue states.* I suppose that I shouldn't have jumped to harsh conclusions; however, one could only imagine the conservational conflicts for the entire week. I suspected that I would just have to stay quiet.

There we were on our way to the archeological ruins in Tulum. It was a sight to behold. Political protesters were marching in mass with signs decreeing an unjust election just the week before. I couldn't help myself. Activists delighted me. My companions from Oregon, Washington, New Jersey and New York finally spoke out about US politics. To my wonderment, they were all conservatives.

How difficult it must be for them to live in a blue state every day. One couple even gave us their state's conservative magazine to read. They were battling the environmentalists, regulation after regulation in their cities, enormous taxation, and I could go on and on. It really made me appreciate Texas and what our meager protesting had accomplished. It did tell me not to let up and to keep my guard up for the donkeys in elephant's clothing.

Come to Esteban's and together we can stay informed to make Galveston County entirely red!

Kathie

March 4th Meeting



Historic Achievement!

The speaker for the March meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women will be Galveston County Constable Pam Matranga. Pam holds the historic distinction of being the first female Constable in the County.

Pam began her career in law enforcement twelve years ago with the Galveston County Narcotics Task Force. In 1993 she became a certified Deputy in Precinct 5. Eight years later she was hired as a Chief Deputy Constable for Precinct 8.

Pam took the oath of office on January 1, 2005 and proudly serves Galveston County Precinct 7. Pam is sure to stir up the crowd as she plans to discuss her current position as Constable.

Katie Benoit

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!



March 3 Friendswood Republican Women, Perry's Grille, 614 S Friendswood Drive, 11am.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Galveston Island Pachyderm, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd, 11:30am.

March 4 CCRW Board Meeting, Fiesta Shack 10:30am.

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March 16 Galveston Republican Women, Landry's on the Seawall, 11:30am.

March 19 Lincoln Day Dinner featuring Oliver North at the Galveston Convention Center.

March 22 Sandpiper Republican Women, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Rd, 11:45am.

March 23 Bay Area Republican Women, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10am.

April 14, 2005 The Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day at the Austin Convention Center.

November 11-13, 2005 The TFRW 25th Biennial Convention will be held in Corpus Christi.

Membership Notes . . .



Please join me in welcoming new members Beth Morris, Martha Armstrong, Donna Maloney and Patricia Slaughter, as well as a new associate member Teresa Castillo.

If you would like to be included in the soon to be published Clear Creek Republican Women Yearbook, please submit your dues and application to Darlene or me ASAP! Deadline for inclusion will be March 4th.

Teri Goodman

From The Treasury

Clear Creek Republican Women PAC



Treasurer's Report:

Petty Cash \$ 369.75

Checking \$ 1,934.18

Total \$ 2,303.93

Darlene Anene

February Meeting Minutes



The regular CCRW Meeting was called to order at 12:Noon, 2-7-05, by President Kathie Nenninger. The invocation was given by Bonnie Wilson for Shirley Hendrickson, CCRW Chaplain.

Debbie Lindemann, Legislative Chair, led the Pledge to the American flag, and Ken Clark, Galveston County Commissioner, led the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Teri Goodman, Membership Chair, introduced two new members, elected officials, and candidates. Guests were introduced by President Nenninger.

Katie Benoit, Programs Chair, introduced our speaker, Cynthia Tauss, of Governor Rick Perry's office, and Dr. Robin Armstrong, SREC, Senatorial District 11. Cynthia gave a very interesting talk regarding economic development in Texas. Robin gave a slide presentation with information regarding his trip to the inaugural in Washington.

Catherine Lewis distributed by-laws, which will be voted on at the March 4 meeting. (The by-law changes were reviewed by Carole Ragland and Catherine Lewis.)

President Nenninger extended "Thank You's" to Niki Stevens, Laurie Hembree, Betty Moss, and Claire Worthington for volunteering to help Almeda Wallingford, Telephone Committee Chair. (One more volunteer is needed.)

Katie Benoit announced that Constable Pam Matranga will be the speaker at our regular CCRW meeting, March 4.

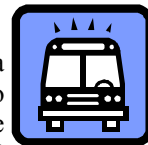
Approval of the January 7 CCRW minutes was given and the Treasurer's report was approved and will stand for audit.

President Nenninger adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

In the absence of Secretary Norma Byous, minutes were taken by Benny Cheney.

Norma Byous

Legislative Day Bus Trip



Clear Creek Republican Women has chartered a bus and will be Austin bound on April 14th to attend TFRW Legislative Day. \$25 will secure your seat on the bus, but seats are limited! Checks may be made payable to CCRW-PAC.

CCRW will be joined by members of Friendswood and Galveston Republican Women organizations.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. The bus will leave at 6am from League City United Methodist Church, where there is ample parking.

Please remember to wear **RED** jackets or sweaters and comfortable walking shoes! The first 25 to register will enjoy a tour of the Governor's Mansion (no cameras, please). The latest buzz is that there may be a special, VIP tour of the Capitol building!

You won't want to miss this!

Patsy Yoakum

DeLay Opens Local Office

As a service to local constituents, Congressman and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay recently opened a district office in Clear Lake. The office is located at 711 West Bay Area Boulevard, Suite 410 in Houston (zip code is 77498).

The congressman's office phone number is 281-557-8855. Please feel free to stop by and say hello!

March CCRW Birthdays

Wishing a most splendid Happy Birthday to:

Sherry Clark	March 14
Pam Matranga	March 20
Sherry Ottinger	March 26
Tommye Randolph	March 29
Dennis Paul	March 29
Sharon Parker	March 31



CCRW Member Spotlight

Clear Creek Republican has truly outstanding members, and this month two of our own have been honored by our community.



CCRW Associate Member and League City resident Diane Kerkhove was honored by the Bay Area Republican Women as their Woman of the Year. Diane was recognized at the BARW Annual Banquet for having worked tirelessly on behalf of the Republican Party for many years.

CCRW Associate Member Dr. Robin Armstrong is a League City resident and represents District 11 on the SREC. Robin was recently honored by his peers to serve as President-elect of the Galveston County Medical Society.

Please be sure to congratulate Diane and Robin when you see them!

Lincoln Day Dinner

Lt. Col. Oliver North will speak at the March 19th Lincoln Day Dinner. The dinner will be held in the new Island Convention Center on Seawall Blvd.



Dinner seats are \$110 each. A special \$250 VIP pass includes a private meeting with Oliver North and other conservative dignitaries. A limited number of VIP tickets are available without purchase of a table.

Tickets may be purchased online. Please visit the website www.tickets@lincolndaydinner.com. Call 281-332-2899 for additional information.

Campaigns

Ladies, it is time again to send me your hours for volunteer work. You may not count hours at the meeting but anything else you might have done this month need to be added and sent to me, either to my email address: Seidenstic@aol.com or by snail mail (don't you just love that term) to 2207 Metairie Court, League City, TX 77573



You may count hours you work for people running for City Council or Mayor. In Houston, for you ladies that live in Harris County, we have several city council people running that we need to work for and support. Remember that if you are supporting a female candidate that counts for another area.

It is so much fun to be part of the election system in our country. Let's get out and be as brave as the people in Iraq who lined up under threat of death just to do what we freely can do during every election in our wonderful country.

Cindy Seidensticker

CCRW Officers

President.....Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418
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VP Programs.....Katie Benoit, 281-554-2352
Secretary.....Norma Byous, 281-332-4681
PAC Treasurer.....Darlene Anene, 281-334-2785
Corresponding Secretary.....Barbara Vollmer, 281-332-9398

CCRW Committees

Awards.....Tommye Randolph, 281-316-9342
By-Laws.....Catharin Lewis, 281-332-1644
Campaigns.....Cindy Seidensticker, 281-332-6596
Chaplin.....Shirley Hendrickson, 281-316-6929
Community Outreach.....Tommye Randolph, 281-316-9342
Historian.....Pam Kinser, 281-334-0987
Hospitality.....Diane Gillette, 281-224-6159
Marge Jacobson, 281-334-1447
Legislation.....Debbie Lindemann, 281-218-9724
Newsletter.....Barbara Meeks, 281-316-2057
Parliamentarian.....Constable Pam Matranga, 281-534-3794
Publicity.....Berniece Linck, 281-334-6376
Telephone.....Almeda Wallingford, 281-538-1651
Ways and Means.....Tracy Oliver, 281-481-9393

Special Committees

TFRW Legislative Day.....Patsy Yoakum, 281-992-9647
ICM Tree.....Phyllis Molnar, 281-291-9655
Directory.....Shirley Hendrickson, 281-316-6929
Book Reviews.....Kathy Rogers, 281-482-3610

Legislative Update



STATE HOUSING AGENCY OVERHAULED. **House Bill 1167**, sponsored by State Representative and Chairman of the House Urban Affairs Committee Robert Talton, was introduced to reform the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. (TDHCA). The bill takes aggressive measures requiring the agency and its governing board to conduct its affairs in a fair and public environment. TDHCA is the state agency that provides affordable housing to Texas families in need., that received prior reprimands from Governor Perry and Attorney General Abbott.

Texas' landmark medical lawsuit reforms, passed just 18 months ago, are producing healthy benefits for the state's doctors, patients, hospitals and nursing homes. Physicians are moving to Texas, especially in the most needed areas, and the state's top two insurers of physicians are cutting their rates and a third will be freezing its rates. Insurance savings approach \$41 million.

ROADMAP TO RESULTS. **House Bill 2** provides more than \$3 billion new dollars for school children next biennium, in addition to \$1.2 billion already budgeted for enrollment growth. The bill increases the state share of public education to 60 percent from 38 percent, the highest rate in over two decades. Roadmap to Results includes:

- Focus reform measures on high achievement and accountability for results
- Performance pay for teachers, mentoring beginning teachers, management training for principals.
- Supports schools and districts in improving the efficiency of their operations.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Postal Reform. For the first time in 35 years, legislation to modernize the nation's postal laws were made by Government Reform Committee Chair Tom Davis (R-VA) and Rep. John M. McHugh (R-NY). **H.R. 22** was crafted by a bi-partisan team including Davis and McHugh, along with Ranking Minority Member Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL).

Congressman Curt Weldon was named VP of Homeland Security Committee. Weldon, from Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District, has years of experience with intelligence, national security, WMD proliferation and first responder issues and is considered one of the foremost national leader on homeland security.

Ryan Haight Act, H.R. 840. The bi-partisan team of Tom Davis (R-VA) and Henry A. Waxman (D-CA) introduced the internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005 to fight the growing problem of illegal sales of prescription drugs over the internet.

Tsunami Waters Recede. Rep. Tom DeLay has updated information on tsunami relief efforts from the U.S. Agency on International Development at his congressional website: TomDeLay.house.gov. The House passed a resolution expressing condolences to the people affected by the tragedy and promised continued support in relief efforts.



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“The time is always right to do what is right.”

~Martin Luther King Jr.