

Clear Creek Republican Women



May 2005 Newsletter

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From the President



Just ask any one of the almost 40 ladies from Clear Creek RW, Bay Area RW, Galveston RW, and Sandpiper RW who went to Austin together for TFRW's Legislative Day about this 79th legislative session. They are in the know! Half the group was treated to a peek at the daily life of Governor and Anita Perry while visiting the historic Governor's mansion, thanks to a very special connection from Patsy Yokum. Patsy did an absolute magnificent job putting the trip together! Drop her a note of thanks. Another group was in the Senate Chambers, while a resolution acknowledging TFRW was read by Senator Jane Nelson. It certainly was a sight to see with the gallery filled with ladies in red.

A lovely luncheon was held for over 800 at the Austin Convention Center. Joining some of the tables were 25 young servicemen and women who had just returned from Iraq. The keynote speaker was Col. Gregg Schanep, Chaplain, US Army, Retired, followed by a few words from Lt. Governor David Dewhurst.

With little time to visit representatives and senators, some members managed to do some "tax cap" lobbying. Thank you FRW, Kathy Rogers, for creating lapel stickers staying "Save the Cap", they certainly did create a lot of interest.

Most of all, our trip fostered not only camaraderie but also education regarding the legislative session and a visual of our elected officials in action. There are even rumblings of a future overnight trip to experience more of our state capitol.

Special thanks to Patsy, Benny, Shirley, Tommye, Kathy, Dawn, Barbara (at the bus at 5am and she didn't even go), Sylvia, Darlene, Teri, Estebans for the water and soft drinks, and Ludwig Catering for the use of their ice chests and ice. See you at Esteban's!

Kathie

May 6th Meeting



Dr. Sandra Mossman, Superintendent for Clear Creek Independent School District will be the keynote speaker at the CCRW May 6th meeting.

In January 2003, Dr. Sandra Mossman was named Superintendent of Schools for the CCISD. She is the first female superintendent and the first employee to come up through the ranks in the District to become Superintendent.

Dr. Mossman began her career in Clear Creek ISD in January 1985 with a Bachelor's degree from Iowa State University. She also earned a Master's Degree from the University of Northern Iowa, and a Doctorate from Baylor University.

Dr. Mossman has earned many professional honors including the 1994 Administrator of the Year for large Texas school districts by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

She and her husband, Gary Mossman, are elders in their church and are involved in many civic organizations. They have three grown children, all graduates of Clear Creek ISD.

Katie Benoit

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!



May 5, 12, 19, 26: Galveston Island Pachyderm, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd, 11:30am.

May 6: CCRW Board Meeting, Fiesta Shack, 10:30am.

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May 7: Election Day for City Elections.

May 12: Friendswood Republican Women, Perry's Grille, 614 South Friendswood Drive, 11am.

May 18: Galveston Republican Women, Landry's on the Seawall, 11:30am. For reservations call 409-945-3938.

May 24: Sandpiper Republican Women, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road, 11:45am.

May 25: Bay Area Republican Women, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10am.

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

Membership Notes . . .

With 55 members, CCRW has a 20% increase in membership! We must keep working towards the goal of winning the Membership Challenge as presented by Texas Lt Governor David Dewhurst!

Teri Goodman



From The Treasury

Clear Creek Republican Women PAC

Treasurer's Report:

Petty Cash \$ 464.75

Checking \$ 1,810.47

Total \$ 2,275.22



Darlene Anene

Cell Phone Alert!

Soon, cell phone numbers will be released to telemarketing companies for solicitation calls to cell phones. This will cost you minutes. From your cell phone call 888-382-1222 to be removed from the list. This national DO NOT CALL list will block your number for 5 years.

April Meeting Minutes

The regular CCRW Meeting was called to order by President Kathie Nenninger at 12 noon. Chaplin Shirley Hendrickson gave the invocation. Joanna Sharp led the Pledge to the American Flag and Tommye Randolph led the pledge to the Texas Flag.



Bonnie Wilson introduced the candidates and the elected officials who were present. President Nenninger introduced the guests who were present.

Vice President of Programs, Katie Benoit, served as moderator and introduced each candidate for League City Mayor, and City Council. The same question was submitted to each candidate and each had two minutes to reply.

The regular Meeting was resumed. Minutes of the March CCRW Meeting stood approved as printed in the newsletter. The treasury report, also published in the newsletter, will stand for audit. With the absence of Membership Chair, Teri Goodman, Bonnie Wilson introduced the new members. CCRW now has 55 members, which is a 20% increase.

Programs Chair Katie Benoit, announced that Dr. Sandra Mossman, CCISD, will be the speaker at the May Meeting. Debbie Lindemann, Legislation, was unable to attend the Meeting due to a death in the family.

Plans for the Legislative Day bus trip to Austin, scheduled for Thursday, April 14, were finalized and a special "Happy Birthday" in song was given to Bonnie Wilson.

The next CCRW meeting will be held at 11:30am on Friday May 6th at Esteban's Fiesta Shack. There being no further business, President Nenninger adjourned the meeting at 1:35pm.

Respectively submitted,

Norma Byous, Secretary



Presidential Visitor

Members of Clear Creek Republican Women joined hundreds of devoted Republicans on the campus of UTMB in Galveston Tuesday morning to see President George W Bush, live and in person.

The President appeared tan and relaxed as he led a round table discussion of Galveston County's alternative to Social Security. Joining the discussion were the County Judge, a County retiree, two County employees and a consultant.

CCRW member Phyllis Molnar was among those in the audience, and told a reporter, "I've known (Bush) from way back, back when he was a real person," Molnar said, laughing. "He still projects that. He really seems like a real, normal person."

County employees are pleased with the alternative, and the success of this program could help gain momentum for Bush's plans to overhaul the failing social retirement system.

April CCRW Birthdays

This month we wish Happy Birthday to:



Marjorie Hoffman	May 6
Cynthia Winter	May 10
Benny Cheney	May 12
Larry Tobin	May 16
Sylvia Jackson	May 17
Melinda Keeney	May 18
Ken Clark	May 21
Claire Worthington	May 24
Barbara Meeks	May 27
Norma Walker	May 31

Note: These birthdays are taken from information provided on CCRW membership applications. If your special day is not listed, please accept our sincere apologies and let the Editor know so you can be included!

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Membership Challenge

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, a long time supporter of TFRW, recently announced a statewide Membership competition to encourage Republican Women clubs to grow their memberships.



The main objective is to have the highest percentage increase in the 2005 membership numbers based on the total membership that was reported in 2004.

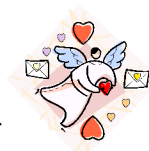
TFRW Clubs will compete for prizes such as a \$1000 travel voucher for a trip to Washington D.C. and a dinner for members from the winning club, hosted by Dewhurst.

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CCRW members are joined by State Representative Larry Taylor, during the April 14th trip to TFRW Legislative Day in Austin. Photo courtesy of Shirley Hendrickson.

Member News Briefs



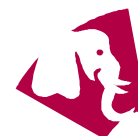
Condolences to Patsy Yokum for the loss of her brother and also to Debbie Lindemann for the recent passing of her aunt. We extend our sincere sympathies to both families.

Congratulations to Martha and Robin Armstrong for the birth of their second son, Gabriel, who was born March 31, 2005.



Campaigns

Please submit your campaign hours to Cindy Seidensticker. The hours you spend volunteering in a campaign can help CCRW win an award from TFRW! Your volunteer campaign hours can make a difference, for the candidate AND for CCRW! You may send your hours to Seidenstic@aol.com.



CCRW Officers

President.....	Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418
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VP Programs.....	Katie Benoit, 281-554-2352
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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
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Telephone.....	Almeda Wallingford, 281-538-1651
Ways and Means.....	Tracy Oliver, 281-481-9393
	Cynthia McIntyre 832-444-1736

Special Committees

TFRW Legislative Day.....	Patsy Yokum, 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



AUSTIN - HOUSE BILL 312. Sponsored by Rep. Sylvester Turner of Houston, will give assistance to Texans needing help paying their electric bills. The bill forbids the use of credit history or credit scores in the denial or pricing of electric service for all contracts of one year or less.

AUSTIN – HOUSE BILL 2032. Sponsored by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, will help state game wardens investigate crimes by offering a reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction through the Operation Game Thief program. The bill also allows Operation Game Thief funds to be used for technological advancements, to assist in the capture and prosecution of state law violators.

AUSTIN – SENATE BILL 6 reforms Family Protective Services. The dramatic, system-wide changes in protective services programs will strengthen investigations, support quality casework, improve the effectiveness of ongoing services, increase private sector involvement, build community partnerships, improve management and accountability and support families' rights.

AUSTIN – SENATE BILL 15. The Texas Senate passed strong legislation to control asbestos and silica lawsuit abuse in Texas. “The determination of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Senate author, Kyle Janek and the work of State Affairs Committee Chairman, Robert Duncan, won the vote of every Senator on the floor of the Texas Senate yesterday,” said Texans for Lawsuit Reform founder Richard Weekley.

WASHINGTON – House Bill 424, sponsored by Congressman Ron Paul, would repeal the inclusion of Social Security benefits in gross income for tax purposes. Please write, email or telephone your representatives to say that you support this bill.

WASHINGTON –ENERGY POLICY ACT of 2005 Passed the House by a vote of 249-183, which included the support of 41 Democrats. The energy plan enhances conservation, research, and development and provides for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

Debbie Lindemann



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“Character is much easier kept than recovered.”

~Thomas Paine