

Clear Creek Republican Women



November 2005 Newsletter

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From the President

When our son, Garet, was sworn in as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy after his graduation from MIT in 1991, it was his father, Garet, U. S. Air Force Lt Colonel retired, who proudly did the honors. I got to pin his insignia on prior to the commissioning onboard the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor. What a thrill! I had always gotten "chicken skin" (an Hawaiian term) when it came to military ceremonies.

When I was single, living in Manhattan in New York City, I just loved going to Radio City Music Hall on the Fourth of July, Armed Forces Day and Veteran's Day just to hear all of the patriotic music and the salute to our military. Little did I know then that I would become the bride of a U.S. Air Force pilot a few years later.

Immediately after our wedding, "our" new assignment was that Garet would go to Vietnam as a forward air controller while I took a ground job with the airlines as I couldn't fly and be married. I saw the sense of duty to country first hand. From that time forward, Veteran's Day eclipses at lot of other holidays in our home, as I pay tribute to my family heroes.

When my father-in-law passed away a few years ago, it was his coconut, hand carved with the word Guam 1945, that we wanted as a tribute to the memory of his service to our great nation above anything else.

Come help us pay tribute to a new generation of heroes at our November CCRW meeting. See you at Esteban's!

Kathie



November Speaker

In recognition of Veteran's Day, Lt. Chris Ayres, U.S.M.C. will be the keynote speaker at the CCRW November 4th meeting.



Lt. Ayres has a note worthy record with the Marine Corps, including several meritorious promotions, graduating second in his class from Officer Candidates School, and the Scout Sniper Platoon Commander's Course.

Lt. Ayres served his country on foreign soil, including Okinawa, Japan and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II and Operation Vigilant Resolve. It was during this mission that Lt. Ayres was gravely wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade and was evacuated to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for 75 days.

Lt. Ayres and his family currently reside in League City.

Please join us in our salute to Veteran's Day and welcome a local hero, Lt. Chris Ayres. This is another program you will not want to miss!

Katie Benoit Flake

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Upcoming Events



November 1, 10, 17: Galveston Island Pachyderms meet weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.
November 4: CCRW Board Meeting, Fiesta Shack, 10:15am
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November 8: Election Day at your local Polling Place.
November 11-13: TFRW 25th Biennial Convention in Corpus Christi.
November 16: Galveston Republican Women, Landry's, Seawall at 53rd Street; 11:30am. Reservations: 409-945-3938.
November 24: Happy Thanksgiving!

Treasury Report

The Treasury Report will be given at the November meeting.

Membership Notes . . .

CCRW has 57 full members and 24 Associate Members!
Please welcome new Associate Member Kevin Corcoran.

Teri Goodman

October 7th Minutes



President Kathie Nenninger called the meeting to order at 11:55am, followed by an invocation by Bonnie Wilson. The pledge to the US flag was led by Kevin Corcoran; Chris Stevens led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Teri Goodman introduced elected officials and candidates. Katie Benoit introduced the speaker, Thomas Hargrove who recounted his life as a prisoner of narco-guerillas in Columbia. His fascinating presentation included excerpts from a 60 Minutes' account of his captivity and return to freedom.

Donna Maloney read the proposed slate of Officers for the upcoming year: President – Cindy Seidensticker, Vice President Membership – Teri Goodman, Vice President Programs – Diane Gillette, Secretary – Norma Byous, Treasurer – Glenda Barnes, and Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Vollmer

Kathie asked for nominations from the floor. As there were none, Carole Ragland moved to accept the proposed slate by acclamation, seconded by Debbie Lindemann and passed.

Kathie asked that everyone note their volunteer hours on the chart in the foyer and asked that incoming President, Cindy Seidensticker, be given as much help as possible and to fill all openings on her staff. Kathie called for approval of minutes from last month, and they were approved as read.

Announcements: Katie Benoit said that next month's speaker will be Lt. Ayers, USMC; Robin Armstrong was interviewed

on Christian radio and is running for Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas; Deborah Roan asked for volunteers for Shelley Sekula's campaign; Ken Clark will have a Cajun Fest 10/23; John Ford will have a Campaign Shrimp Boil 10/15; Barbara Meeks asked for volunteers for the Oak Creek Festival; Betty Moss announced a Galveston County Master Gardeners seminar and Plant Sale on 10/8; Tommye Randolph asked for calendars for Devereux.

Carole Ragland, delegate to last month's NFRW Convention, presented a Gold Pin to Kathie Nenninger and a Gold Club Award Certificate, awarded to CCRW at the Convention.

Larry Taylor thanked us for all the support that was given him surrounding the recent death of his father.

CCRW will next meet November 4th at Esteban's Fiesta Shack. Meeting adjourned meeting at 1:40PM.

Respectively submitted,

Norma Byous, Secretary

Silver Bells Luncheon



Tri County Republican Women will hold their 9th Annual Silver Bells Luncheon Sunday November 6th at Golfcrest Country Club, 12:30 to 3:30pm.

Tickets are \$35 and include the Christmas Market. Guests are asked to bring a child's book in support of the program, No Child Left Behind.

For more information or tickets please call Melinda Keeney at 281-334-1509.

Member News

Sincere Condolences

Condolences to our Treasurer, Darlene Anene, and her family on the passing of her father.



Condolences to the family of our Galveston friend, Margaret Earthman, who passed last week away after a lengthy illness.

Get-Well Wishes

Chelsey Campbell, 15 year old daughter of J.L. and Sandy Campbell spent several weeks this month in Texas Children's Hospital. Please remember them in your prayers as precious Chelsey battles a serious illness.

We also wish a complete and speedy recovery from back surgery to Kathie Nenninger's mother.



Save the date!

The CCRW December meeting and Installation of Officers will be on the **SECOND** Friday, December 9th.

November Birthdays

Jean Durkee	November 2
Pam Kinser	November 3
Sandra Brooker	November 9
Tami Cohen	November 15
Deborah Winters-Chaney	November 27



Belated Birthday wishes to Chris Stevens from October 20th, whose information was received after newsletter distribution.

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Deputy Ceremony

A Guest Column By Cheryl Johnson,
Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector



“To encourage voter registration, the registrar shall appoint as deputy registrars persons who volunteer to serve...” Texas Section Code, Section 13.031.

In the past, members of Republican women clubs in the area carpooled to Galveston Island joined their southern friends for lunch at Gaido’s and journeyed to the Galveston County Courthouse Tax Office to be deputized as volunteer deputy voter registrars. Although we love having Republican Women hang around the office, Allison Kearney, Voter Registration Coordinator for the Galveston County Tax Office, and I are thrilled to be coming to see you!

The Tax Office set an aggressive goal this fiscal year to increase the number of registered voters by 5%. That means we have eight (8) months to register approximately 8,943 qualified voters. It is our sincere hope that, after a very short presentation of the duties and responsibilities associated with being a deputy, you will join us in working to achieve this goal. We will perform a brief swearing in ceremony at the meeting.

Voting is one of the most important acts of citizenship available to Americans today and likely the least exercised activity among our citizens. You know the importance of one vote and understand the importance of being involved in electing responsible people to public office. Government is better when people participate. And, in the words of our own Secretary of State Roger Williams, “We don’t have time to be involved and become informed but we don’t have time either NOT to.”

Did you know

- Ö Texas was the first state to vote from space?
- Ö 72% of eligible women and 64% of eligible men are registered to vote?
- Ö Texas ranked 43rd in the Nation for percent of women 18+ registered to vote and 49th in the Nation for percentage of women who actually voted?

If you have not already voted, as one of the 72%, I urge you to take one of the 64% and vote November 8th.

Outreach Update:

Please bring calendars for Devereux to the November 4th meeting. The students appreciate their calendar gifts. They enjoy the pictures and being able to write reminders in the spaces provided. We have about 35 calendars, and need 75 more. Calendars are available for a dollar at the Dollar Tree, Michaels and HEB. No spiral binding, please! Many thanks!

Festival of Trees

November is the last meeting to bring your red, white and blue wooden ornaments for our Interfaith Caring Ministry Christmas tree. We have the beginnings of a most beautiful tree! Come with your creative talents and join the fun Sunday and Monday November 27th and 28th with the time and location to be announced to decorate our tree.



Campaigns

We received a quick note thanking CCRW for so promptly sending in our volunteer hours each month. This was not my doing but yours. You have done a great job letting me know your hours. I am proud of you all! There will a sheet on each table at the next meeting. If you have accumulated any volunteer campaign hours during the month of October, just write the total hours by your name.



CCRW Officers

President.....	Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418
VP Membership.....	Teri Goodman, 281-334-5304
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
	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



From the State of Texas

The Texas Election Code underwent significant revision and will effect this year's election. Most of these new election laws became effective September 1, 2005. To highlight a few of the reforms, the Code now:

- Adds tampering with a direct recording electronic voting machine to the Texas Penal Code: the offense is a 1st degree felony, but becomes a 3rd degree felony for an attempt to commit the offense
- Eliminates February and September uniform election dates and moves the May uniform election date to the second Saturday in May.
- Changes also occurred in the maximum number of precinct voters, it was 3,000 and is now 5,000

This was just a couple to mention. You may read more about it by looking up www.house.state.tx.us, then look under the bill which is #2759.

NOTE: On November 8, 2005, remember to VOTE FOR PROP# 2, stating that marriage is between a man and a woman. Please protect this sacred right.

U.S. House of Representatives

As you all are aware of U.S. House Representative Tom DeLay has been indicted and we have to show our support for him. Attached is the latest article where Governor Rick Perry is showing his support. We as republicans need to group together and not let the democrats try to strong-arm us. If anyone would like further updates please email at lindemann@sprintmail.com and I'll forward you the latest updates.

From the Associated Press:

"I'm for Tom DeLay. I don't get confused about what's going on here," Perry, a fellow Republican, said after speaking about economic development at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. "The fact of the matter is I happen to think that this is an overzealous prosecutor who is working very hard to take a Texan off of the national stage who's been doing some great and good things for the state of Texas." When Perry said he believed DeLay should remain the House majority leader, the crowd of about 450 people erupted in applause. The felony charges forced DeLay to give up his leadership post, but he wants his job back.

Debbie Lindemann



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"A leader will 'do right and risk the consequences'."

~Sam Houston