

Clear Creek Republican Women



September 2006 Newsletter

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Cindy's Sidelines

It has been a bumpy ride these last few weeks as we waited to see what would happen with Tom DeLay's Congressional seat. Precinct chairs have met and named Shelley Sekula-Gibbs as a write-in candidate. What does this have to do with most of us who are not in that Congressional District? A LOT!!! We have to educate people in that district on how to do a write-in vote, and the importance of actually voting.

This will be a squeaker! Those of us in CD-14 will have to help. It might mean we work in polling places that are not our own. Every polling place will need several people handing out cards to help people vote for Shelley. We can also volunteer at the phone bank that will open in Clear Lake.

Shelley is a member of Bay Area Republican Women. I don't know if democrats are smart enough to write-in vote, but I do know that Republicans are. This is an important seat for the CD-22, and for the Republican Party as a whole. The Democratic opponent is a do nothing who talks a lot, but if history is anything we know he does nothing. His ads either depict him as stupid or a real go-getter. The first one fits the bill!

We need Shelley Sekula Gibbs and she needs our help, as do all of the candidates in Galveston County. WE CAN DO THIS!!!!

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

Cindy Seidensticker, President



September 1st Program

Ginia Wray Wright will be the keynote speaker at the September 1st meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women. Mrs. Wright is Vice President of Programs for Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW). She will have some interesting information to share with us.



In addition, members and visitors will hear from several Republican Candidates who will be on the ballot.

This is an excellent opportunity to gather even more information as the November 7th General Election draws near.

Hope to see you there!

Diane Gillette, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events

August 29: CCRW Board Meeting, 11:30am County Annex
September 7, 14, 21, 28: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.
September 1: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.
September 8: First day to apply for Ballot by Mail.
Sept 11: Second Monday Breakfast Club. Conservatives meet to discuss local politics. 7am at Kelley's in La Marque.
Sept 16: Jerry Patterson event in Friendswood.
Sept 20: Galveston Republican Women, 11:30am.
Sept 21: Galveston County Republican Network County Annex on Calder Road in League City. Social at 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
Sept 26: Sandpiper Republican Women, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Rd. 11:30am.
Sept 27: Bay Area Republican Women, meets at Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10am.
Sept 28: Friendswood Republican Women meets at Perry's Grille, 614 South Friendswood Drive, 11:15am.
Sept 30: TFRW Legislative Roundtable & GOTV Workshop.
October 10: Last day to register to vote.
October 16: Immigration Forum in Houston.
October 23: First day of Early Voting.
October 31: Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail.
November 3: Last day of Early Voting
November 7: GOP Wins Big in General Election!

Treasury Report

Current Balances:

PAC Treasury	\$ 1,263.51
Petty Cash	698.76
Total On Hand	\$ 1,962.27



Glenda Barnes

Membership Notes . . .

We are very pleased to have two new members, Linda Duryea and Denise Charpentier, who joined CCRW at the August meeting. Please help make them feel welcome!

August 4th Minutes

President Cindy Seidensticker called the August meeting to order at 12 noon. Shirley Hendrickson gave the invocation.



The Pledge to the American and Texas Flags was lead by former TFRW District Director, Anna Clair Rice. A.J. Kitchens, son of Mike Kitchens, played Amazing Grace on his recorder.

Teri Goodman verified 41 full and 35 associate members.

Minutes, Cont'd.

Diane Gillette, introduced speakers, Jeff Brennan, Commissioner of Brazoria Co., District No. 4; David Randolph of the Brazoria County Flood Control District; Mike Fitzgerald, Engineer with Galveston County, all of whom are sponsors of the Clear Creek Project. Brennan spoke in favor of the project. Don Johnson, a homeowner who lives along the creek and a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the project, spoke against federal intervention.

The regular meeting resumed, and Diane Gillette announced that Ginia Wray Wright, TFRW Programs, will be guest speaker at the September CCRW meeting. Minutes from the May meeting were approved. Treasury report was approved as printed in the newsletter and will stand for audit. A question and answer period followed.

Tommye Randolph gave a legislative report. Carole Ragland was recognized for her excellent work on the CCRW Handbook. Each member was given a copy. Until a volunteer is appointed, President Seidensticker asked that all volunteer hours be reported to her by E-mail or telephone.

CCRW will accept books for Devereux. The Board recommended a scholarship donation of \$200 be made to Bay Area Turning Point, which will be used to send a woman to school to learn a trade. Carol Ragland moved to approve, second by Barbara Meeks. Motion carried. CCRW will donate books to the League City Library for the Mamie Eisenhower and Barbara Bush Awards, at \$50 each.

Ginia Wray Wright, of the Galveston Republican Women, has submitted a proposal that Galveston host the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention in 2009.

President Seidensticker announced Thursdays will be CCRW Day at the BARW phone bank, to help keep CD 22 Republican. "Talking points" will be emailed. She added that Committee Chairs are needed for campaign activities, voter registration, and CCRW Historian.

The meal price for September will be \$20 for the scholarship fund. An "Angel Jar" will be provided at the sign-in table for donations. There will be a silent auction to help raise CCRW campaign funds. The \$10 meal price may soon be changing.

The Board recommended a \$500 campaign donation for longtime member, Barbara Meeks, who is running for Galveston County Clerk. Motion by Diane Gillette, second by Kathie Nenninger. Motion carried. Barbara Meeks thanked the membership for their support of her campaign.

The next CCRW meeting will be September 1, 2006. With no further business, President Seidensticker adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

*Norma Byous,
Secretary*

August Birthdays

September 7	Hon. Cheryl Johnson
10	Berneice Linck
13	Deborah Guitian Roan
18	Almeda Wallingford
22	Donna Maloney



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

Well Wishes . . .

Phyllis Molnar, our dear friend, CCRW member and Republican Extraordinaire, is recuperating from a broken hip at Healthsouth Rehab Hospital in the Woodlands. Phyllis is in Room 2038-A, 18550 I-45 South, Conroe, TX 77384. Phone is 281-364-2000. Please remember Phyllis in your prayers!

GOTV '06

TFRW Campaign Activities Committee will present a GOTV Workshop and Legislative Roundtable at the headquarters of Patricia Harless, 6542 FM 1960 West in Houston. Club Presidents and Campaign Activity Chairmen are encouraged to attend. \$ 10 Fee; optional lunch will be available.

TFRW and Collin County GOP will present a GOTV Workshop at the Southfork Hotel in Plano September 30. \$10 fee. An optional lunch and panel discussion, \$40. A Legislative Roundtable will follow at 1:30pm. Register for either event at www.tfrw.org.

Immigration Forum

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will sponsor a forum on immigration. The six member panel discussion will address a variety of immigration topics including border security and amnesty.

The Forum will be held Monday, October 16th at the J.W. Marriott, 5150 Westheimer in Houston. Registration will be from 9 to 9:30am, lunch follows at 11:30am. Special guest speaker will be Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. Tickets are \$60 each; register online at www.ghcrwpac.org.

Land Commissioner Event

Please make plans to attend the Republican Party of Galveston County's Fall BBQ on September 16th, from 4 to 7pm. Matt and Kathy Hoeg will host the event at their home, 707 Pine Hollow in Friendswood.

Special guest will be Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who will discuss his upcoming trip to Iraq to visit the troops. Other elected officials and candidates will also be present. Tickets are \$20 each. Call 281-554-6787 with questions.

Community Outreach

CCRW will continue to collect books and surplus arts and crafts supplies. Please bring these items to the September meeting so we can pass them along to the youth at Devereux.



Campaign Volunteer Hours

Please report volunteer hours to Cindy Seidensticker until we have a Campaigns chair. Keep track of the hours you spend block walking, election work, and working phone banks. Email your hours to seidenstic@aol.com.

Campaign Offices Opening Soon!

The November Election is just around the corner and your candidates are busy campaigning. The Republican Party of Galveston County will be opening campaign offices on Galveston Island and in League City.

Congressman Ron Paul, CD14, recently donated \$5000 for the Galveston Office. Both offices will need supplies AND volunteers! Stay tuned for more details!



CCRW Officers

President.....	Cindy Seidensticker, 281-332-6596
VP Membership.....	Teri Goodman, 281-334-5304
VP Programs.....	Diane Gillette, 713-893-4243
Secretary.....	Norma Byous, 281-332-4681
PAC Treasurer.....	Glenda Barnes, 281-614-0112
Corresponding Secretary.....	Barbara Vollmer, 281-332-9398

CCRW Committees

Awards.....	Phyllis Molnar, 281-291-9655
By-Laws.....	Phyllis Molnar, 281-291-9655
	Debbie Lindemann, 281-218-9724
Campaigns.....	
Chaplin.....	Shirley Hendrickson, 281-316-6929
Community Outreach.....	Tommye Randolph, 281-316-9342
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Ways and Means.....	Bennie Cheney, 281-538-1467
	Shirley Hendrickson, 281-316-6929

Special Committees

ICM Tree.....	Phyllis Molnar, 281-291-9655
Directory.....	Carole Ragland, 281-332-3154
Gifts/Remembrances.....	Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418

September Fundraiser Luncheon

Ladies! In lieu of hosting an exhaustive fundraiser, Clear Creek Republican Women will have a **One Time** fundraiser lunch for our September 1st meeting. We will collect \$20 for lunch, and half the proceeds will go to our scholarship fund. We will also have a donation bowl for those who want to give over and above, or for those who will not eat lunch.

Now then, isn't this better than the tedious work that goes into a formal fundraiser?



Legislative Update

HOUSTON - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was joined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Alphonso Jackson to announce that the state of Texas will be provided \$428.6 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The CDBG funds will reimburse Texas communities for the costs associated with Hurricane Rita damage and the accommodation of 250,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees who sought refuge in Texas.

WASHINGTON DC - President Bush signed legislation that resulted in a huge victory for the residents of San Diego, California, as well as Christians everywhere. The bill may seem insignificant viewed apart from the history that helped shape it, since it simply guarantees transfer of ownership of the Soledad Veterans Memorial from the local to the federal government. The history, however, is undeniably momentous.

Kathie Nenninger



...see our name on the horizon

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“Determine never to be idle...

It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.”

~ Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)