

# Clear Creek Republican Women



## October 2005 Newsletter

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### From the President

**Roll up your sleeves!** That is exactly what many of the members of Clear Creek RW have done to help the displaced Louisiana residents who are temporarily here in the Houston area. I can't tell you of the wonderful uplifting stories that I have heard they are so numerous.



The stories are not necessarily from the recipients, but from our members who have given their time at their churches and at the Astrodome, George R. Brown and as far away as Louisiana. Many of us cleaned out our closets for those who had nothing. Enormous financial contributions were made to various charities.

We were seen volunteering at area Red Cross facilities and local churches. Several members volunteered to facilitate at the Astrodome and George R. Brown at mealtime. Member Catharin Lewis, Director of League City's West Bay Common School Children's Museum, answered a call from the Louisiana Museums to go to New Orleans and be on a team to help with their art and artifacts that were without proper care during the storm. Several even helped with evacuated animals at shelters.

**Then it was our turn....**At this writing, not everyone has returned from fleeing Hurricane Rita. Along with the evacuation traffic horror stories, there are tales of human kindness everywhere. May the tales of the latter linger in our hearts. Welcome back everyone and may we count our abundant blessings.

God bless the state of Texas!  
See you at Esteban's,

*Kathie*

### October Speaker

Author, Vietnam Veteran and former hostage, Dr. Thomas Hargrove will be the keynote speaker at the October 7th meeting of CCRW. His program teaches survival in a terrorist situation with lessons that can be applied to everyday life, plus education, inspiration, and, incongruously, humor.



The ordeal of **Tom and Susan Hargrove** inspired the movie *Proof of Life*, starring Meg Ryan and Russell Crowe. Hargrove was kidnapped by a Colombian terrorist and drug group and held hostage for 11 months. He kept and smuggled out, a secret diary that became the book *Long March to Freedom*.

Hargrove holds Ph.D. and M.S. degrees from Iowa State University. His B.S. is a double degree in agricultural science and journalism from Texas A&M University, where he was honored as Outstanding Alumnus of Texas A&M's College of Agriculture. Hargrove and his wife currently reside in Galveston.

This will be a program you will not want to miss!

*Katie Benoit Flake*

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## Upcoming Events



### October 6, 13, 20, 27: Galveston Island

**Pachyderm**, weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30a.m.

**October 7: CCRW Board Meeting**, Fiesta Shack, 10:15a.m.

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**October 8-9: Republican Party of Galveston County Booth** at the Oak Tree Festival in League Park.

**October 19: Galveston Republican Women**, Landry's, Seawall at 53rd Street; 11:30am. For reservations: 409-945-3938.

**October 25: Sandpiper Republican Women**, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road; 11:45a.m.

**October 26: Bay Area Republican Women**, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10a.m.

**October 27: Friendswood Republican Women**, Perry's Grille, 614 South Friendswood Drive; 11a.m.

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

## Treasury Report

The Treasury Report will be given at the October 6th meeting.

## Membership Notes . .

A hearty "Welcome Back" to Glenda Barnes who renewed her membership! Also, please join me in extending a warm welcome to CCRW's new Associate Members John Ford and Carol Greaney-Wurst. By the way, Carol is President of Galveston Republican Women.

*Teri Goodman*



## September 2nd Minutes

The regular CCRW Meeting was called to order Friday September 9th at 12 noon by President Kathie Nenninger. The invocation was given by Chaplain Shirley Hendrickson and Claire Worthington led the pledge to the American and Texan flags.

Membership Chair Teri Goodman introduced elected officials and candidates and guests were introduced by President Nenninger. Programs Chair Katie Benoit introduced the speakers, Officers Iznaga, Jordan and Bussard, of the League City Police Department's SWAT team. Each gave information regarding their highly skilled training to save lives. SWAT has twelve tactical members in League City, and the officers are on call 24 hours a day. Questions and answers followed.

Mayor Shults reported on what the City of League City was doing for the victims of hurricane Katrina.

The meeting resumed and minutes of the previous CCRW meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. The Treasurer's report was published in the Newsletter, and will stand for audit.

Membership Chair Teri Goodman introduced new member Glenda Barnes, and new Associate Members Carol Greaney-Wurst and John Ford.

Campaign Chair Cindy Seidensticker requested volunteer hours for September be given to her before the end of the month. Her E-mail address is: [seidenstic@aol.com](mailto:seidenstic@aol.com) and phone number is 281-332-6596.

The Nominations Committee of Katie Benoit, Benny Cheney, and Donna Maloney presented 2006 slate of officers, to be voted on in October. President: Cindy Seidensticker, Membership: Teri Goodman, Programs: Diane Gillette, PAC Treasurer: Glenda Barnes, Correspondence Secretary: Barbara Vollmer, Secretary: Norma Byous

Candidate for County Clerk Barbara Meeks, will attend the Campaign School at TFRW Convention in Corpus Christi and the CCRW Board voted to pay the \$50.00 registration fee for her.

Bonnie Wilson gave details of the Galveston County GOP Republican Roundup to be held at the League City Sportsplex, September 17. Donations were requested for the silent auction. Tickets are \$12.00/adults and \$6.00/children.

Tri-County Republican Women will hold their 9th Annual Silver Bells luncheon at Golfcrest Country Club. Tickets are \$35.00. The luncheon will feature a Christmas market and silent auction.

The CCRW December 9th meeting and installation of 2006 Officers will be held at the home of Carol Ragland.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for six delegates to attend TFRW Convention in Corpus Christi including Cindy Seidensticker, Carole Ragland, Tommye Randolph, Kathie Nenninger, Barbara Meeks, Norma Byous. There are also six alternate positions.

The next CCRW meeting will be held October 7th at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, League City. President Nenninger adjourned the meeting at 1:35PM.

Respectively submitted,

*Norma Byous, Secretary*

## Festival of Trees

Christmas is just around the corner and Clear Creek RW has volunteered to participate in the Inter-faith Caring Ministries "Festival of Trees". Trees are decorated by individuals and organizations who select the size of tree, theme and provide decorations. The decorating days are scheduled for November 27th and 28th. The trees are then leased to area businesses.

Last year, this project raised over \$70,000 and helped over 3000 families right here in our area.

Clear Creek RW has chosen an Americana - Republican theme using red, white and blue wooden ornaments for our 3-4 foot tree. On January 2nd, we will undecorate our tree, store the ornaments and add to our collection each year.

This year, we ask that each member bring an ornament to be placed on the tree at both our October and November meetings to get us started. Remember...Republican Women care!



## October Birthdays

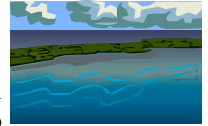
This month we wish Happy Birthday to:

Martha Armstrong	October 20
Anna Claire Rice	October 27
Diane Kerkhove	October 28



## Outreach Update:

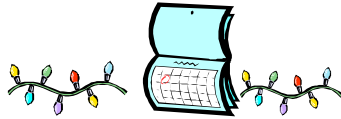
Once again, Clear Creek Republican Women answered the call for action! Many thanks to those of you who participated in the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Clean up in League City. While there is no beach in our fair town, we do have over 8 miles of shoreline along Clear Creek, and were one of 17 clean up locations across this great state.



And Belated Happy Birthday wishes to the September Birthday girls, whose information we just received:

Berneice Linck	Frances Nussbaum
Donna Maloney	Deborah Roan

Barbara Meeks, Editor



## Calendars for Devereux

Devereux Treatment Center, in League City has once again asked us to provide colorful 2006 calendars for their students. These calendars are coveted by the students, not only to be able to track their time away from home and activities but they really love the pictures. We will need a couple per member to meet the need. The calendars are already in at the Dollar Store. With your help, we would love for each student to be presented one. Let's make their countdown to recovery visual and bring a smile to their faces each month from Clear Creek RW. Thank you in advance for bringing your calendars to our October and November and December meetings.

## Sincere Condolences

CCRW is saddened by the passing of Mr. Truman Taylor, the beloved father of our State Representative Larry Taylor. If any of you have ever met Mr. Taylor, you certainly would understand that Larry was so blessed to have such a wonderful father and role model. We send our love and prayers to his wife Arlene, Larry, Kerri and the entire family.



## The Liberal Media on DeLay

"The Majority Leader deserves the presumption of innocence because of Mr. Earle's guilty past..." (WSJ Sept 29th)

**"It is quite possible that he will be exonerated, given Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's record of indicting Lone Star State big fish..."** (The San Francisco Chronicle, EDITORIAL, Debra J. Saunders, Sept 29th).

"...on the evidence presented so far, the indictment of Mr. DeLay by a state prosecutor in Texas gives us pause... The more difficult question is whether it was an illegal end run --" (The Washington Post, Sept 29th)

## Campaigns

It is hard to believe but campaign season is just around the corner! Some of you may already be helping candidates, so PLEASE keep track of your hours! Submit campaign volunteer hours to Cindy Seidensticker either by phone, 281-332-6596, or by email to Seidenstic@aol.com.



## 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.....	Berneice 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



**HOUSTON: Friday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m. a Rally of Support for Congressman Tom DeLay**, at The Hess Club, 5430 Westheimer Road in Houston. Questions, please call 281-343-1333 or email [campaign@tomdelay.com](mailto:campaign@tomdelay.com).

**AUSTIN:** Members of the Texas House of Representatives are joining to form the “Texas 150 Committee” to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. "I encourage all members to participate in this important effort," Speaker Tom Craddick (Midland) said. The Texas 150 Committee will solicit monetary donations from House members that will be given to the Red Cross to provide assistance to the thousands of people who have lost family members, homes and businesses as a result of the hurricane.

**AUSTIN:** Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick today announced that they will postpone, until October, the Legislative Budget Board meeting currently set for September 21 due to the impact of Hurricane Katrina in Texas.

**WASHINGTON DC:** House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) stated that Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) would step down from his post. Hastert also announced that Majority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) will move up and serve as temporary Majority Leader. Chief Deputy Majority Whip Eric Cantor (R-Va.) will remain in his post but take on some additional duties as Majority Whip. Rep. David Dreier (R-Calif.), currently chairman of the Rules Committee, will retain his chairmanship but handle the duties of the Majority Leader as it pertains to coordinating with the committee chairmen.

**WASHINGTON DC:** The U.S. Senate has passed bipartisan legislation to designate funding for airports damaged in Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, an original co-sponsor of the bill, S. 1786, said the intent is “to help speed funding to airports in areas that need it most so that they can begin rebuilding immediately.”

*Debbie Lindemann*



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*“There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination and wonder”*

~Ronald Reagan