

# Clear Creek Republican Women

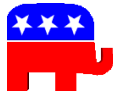


*"...the new stars on the horizon."*

## March 2009 Newsletter

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### *From the President*



Texans will celebrate Texas Independence Day on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and this is a good time to reflect on the brave actions of the heroes from 1836.

It is mind boggling to try to imagine their courage, their desire for freedom and determination for independence! Their hopes and expectations were zealous and they fought passionately to create a sovereign and independent Republic of Texas.

Drafted literally overnight by a committee of five, fifty nine men signed the Texas Declaration of Independence on a freezing cold morning March 2, 1836 in the town of Washington, Texas. They fought for "safe guarantee for the life, liberty, and property of the citizen."

Flash forward to modern times, and across this great state, you will see reminders of the names of those brave men. Navarro, de Zavala and Robertson have counties named in their honor. Others you will recognize as names of Texas towns and streets: Caldwell, Gaines, Hamilton, Hardin, McKinney, Menard, Rusk and West. Perhaps the most famous is Sam Houston, who went on to serve as President of the Republic of Texas, and later as US Senator and Governor of Texas.

It seems coincidental that our speaker on March 6<sup>th</sup> is the author of the Castle Doctrine – the law that gives Texans the right to defend themselves with deadly force inside homes, cars and the workplace. No doubt our Texas forefathers would be pleased!

See you Friday!

*Barbara Meeks*  
*President*

### **CCRW Tote Basket for Legislative Day**

CCRW members are asked to contribute nautical-themed items for the "Tote Basket" that CCRW is donating to the Silent Auction portion of the Legislative Day luncheon on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Personalized-label wine, sailboat-theme wine glasses, cheeses, cheese knives, crackers, chocolate truffles, nuts, table cloth, napkins and plates are some of the items members will donate for the CCRW basket.

Other ideas might be coasters, note cards, earrings, picture frame...anything nautical!

Please bring the items to our March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, to give plenty of time to Shirley Hendrickson, who has

graciously offered to assemble the items into a nice basket.

TFRW will award prizes to the "best dressed" Tote Basket! With our talented crew, CCRW will surely be in the running for an award!

Thanks in advance for your participation!

*Barbara Meeks, President*

### **Galveston County GOP Lincoln Dinner**

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Republican Party of Galveston County's Lincoln Dinner at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston.

The "Salute to the Military" will feature Peter Roussell as the key note speaker. Roussell was Press Secretary to Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, and he is the author of the novel Ruffled Flourishes. Mr. Roussell will surely have interesting comments about today's media!

The VIP reception will be a great opportunity to visit one on one with Mr. Roussell and meet local, county and state elected officials face-to-face. Your attendance will help in the recovery of Galveston! Ticket price is \$50 per person and includes a tour of the museum and dinner among the aircraft, catered by Benno's.

**Sponsor opportunities** include recognition in the commemorative program.

**\$5000 Commander:** Dinner and VIP Reception for 10, Peter Roussell will join you at your table.

**\$2500 Top Gun:** Dinner for 10, VIP Reception for 4, Military Hero will be at your table.

**\$1000 Airmen:** Dinner for 10, VIP Reception for 2.

**\$500 Sully:** Reserved table for ten.

Your support and presence is needed! The proceeds of the Lincoln Dinner will help keep the GOP headquarters open and to elect Republicans in Galveston County.

## *March 6<sup>th</sup> Program*

Our March speaker will be Charles Cotton. Mr. Cotton is a lawyer in real life, and he just happens to be the man, who wrote the major portion of the Castle Doctrine and got it put into law in Texas. He also teaches Concealed Handgun License (CHL) classes and is a great supporter of women shooters. He is one of the founding supporters of the Women's Program at PSC shooting center. It will be interesting to hear from Mr. Cotton about the rules are for carrying and using our guns, what happens after we have to defend ourselves against an attacker, and what we can do to combat the current attacks on our 2nd Amendment rights.

We really hope to see you at our March meeting. League City Mayor, Toni Randall, will be our April speaker. So, we have an exciting line-up for this year. Don't miss a single meeting!

*Shirley Hendrickson, VP Programs*

## *Calendar*

**March 6 CCRW Meets Friday, Esteban, Hwy. 518 League City, 11:30 a.m. Social/Lunch Meeting 12-1 p.m.**

**March 18 Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets each week at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 a.m.**

**March 9 Galveston RW, meets each week at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd., 11:30 a.m.**

**March 19 Republican Network, Peppers, 7:00 p.m.**

**March 24 Sandpiper RW Tortugas, Galveston 11:30 a.m.**

**March 25 Bay Area RW Bailey's Grill, Seabrook 11:30 a.m.**

**March 26 Friendswood RW Perry's Grill 11:30a.m.**

**March 27 Galveston County GOP Lincoln Dinner, Lone star Flight Museum, Galveston**

## *Clear Creek Republican Women*

### *February 5, 2009 Minutes*

President, Barbara Meeks, called the February Clear Creek RW's joint Galveston County Republican Women's Clubs meeting to order at noon on Thursday February 5, 2009 at South Shore Harbour Country Club in League City. President Barbara Meeks led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tyler Nelson, from Congressman Pete Olson's office and the Pledge to the Texas flag led by Galveston County Republican Party Chairman, John LeCour.

Past President, Diane Gillette, presented Barbara with her TFRW President's pin.

CCRW President, Barbara Meeks, introduced the presidents of the other three Galveston County RW Clubs; Patricia Grady, Sandpiper RW; Sally Prill, Galveston RW; Kathy Rogers, Friendswood RW and the co-chairmen of the upcoming TFRW Convention Debbie Roan from Bay Area RW and Bonnie Wilson, Clear Creek RW. Barbara explained that the TFRW convention is held every two years. This year the convention will be held November 13-15 in Galveston. Barbara had the members of each club stand.

Barbara introduced the elected officials and guests.

Barbara introduced co-chairman of the TFRW convention, Debbie Roan. Debbie discussed the TFRW members that are helping the local clubs to coordinate the convention. She introduced the current chairmen and asked members to sign up as chairman and volunteer on various committees. She passed around sign-up sheets.

Debbie introduced her co-chairman, Bonnie Wilson. Bonnie said that they were going to ask delegates to donate books for Galveston ISD at the convention and then discussed the duties of the chairmen.

- Sally Prill will be handling the off sight tours to possibly include Moody Gardens, the Lone Star Flight Museum, a Historical Homes tour and perhaps a boat tour. She gave us an update on the state of the Island.
- Lilian Keeney is working with Kriss Ann Vogelpohl on the Finance Committee. She discussed the need for seed money from clubs and individuals. She asked that each club send a donation to her for the convention. They need to collect \$5000 by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Barbara Meeks will be editing the Program and will need donations from the elected officials.

Debbie continued and said that the committee will be meeting the second Wednesday of each month. The

next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in Galveston at the San Luis Hotel. She said that Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Clubs has sent out a plea for help to all their member clubs. The theme will be "Catch the Wave". Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax Assessor/Collector said that the folks at the San Luis are wonderful in providing help.

#### Announcements:

- Barbara Meeks discussed the upcoming Legislative Day in Austin. A member of each club is needed to help coordinate the bus trip. She asked for volunteers.
- Teri Goodman said that State Representative Larry Taylor is running for Chairman of the Republican Caucus.
- Barbara said to be sure to send letters to your legislators on issues both good and bad.
- Barbara said that the Galveston County Lincoln Dinner will be held in late April or early May on a Friday at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston.
- Casey Farris announced that there will be a mixer at Saltgrass on the Seawall on Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 to celebrate Mardi Gras.
- Debbie Roan said that Bay Area RW's Lincoln Day Dinner would be tomorrow evening at Bay Oaks Country Club.
- Teresa Raia said that the Ft. Bend County Lincoln Dinner would feature former ambassador to the UN, John Bolton.
- Carole Alexander told of plans on March 17 for Rodeo Houston. It is \$65 per person.
- Vicki Jackson said that Senator Mike Jackson would have food at his Senate office on the third floor outside the senate chamber on Legislative Day.
- Cheryl Johnson said that Senator Jackson had filed four bills on her behalf for Galveston.
- Tywla Linblade, from Congressman Ron Paul's office, said that Congressman Paul's office has worked 400 FEMA cases and 90% have been closed. They are back in their Galveston office and he is working on beach replenishment, UTMB and conducting a job fair.
- Carole Ragland, CCRW Legislation Chairman, said that she emailed a list of elected officials with their contact information to members. Carole also said to email John Boehner, the House Minority Leader, and thank him for standing up for our principles in the House and a unanimous "no" vote.
- Barbara said that the goodies on the table were from Patricia Grady.
- Sally Prill said to contact your legislators regarding the plight of UTMB.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

*Kathie Nenninger, Secretary*  
**Membership Memo**

Just a reminder to those that have not paid their dues, it is TIME, be it a full membership or an associate membership. Any questions about your membership please call Sarah Von Dran at 281 482-2990.

[bigbadoma@att.net](mailto:bigbadoma@att.net).

*Sarah Von Dran*  
***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Membership***

**CCRW OFFICERS**

President	Barbara Meeks	281-236-3566
VP Membership	Sarah Von Dran	281-482-2990
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Treasurer	Roxan Lewis	281-557-5060
Past President	Diane Gillette	713-893-4243

**CCRW COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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Community Outreach	Tommye Randolph	281-316-9342
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Newsletter Editor	Carole Alexander	281-678-8767
Parliamentarian	Dianne Gillette	713-893-4243
Telephone Tree	Almeda Wallingford	281-538-1651

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

ICM Tree	Sylvia Jackson	281-332-7777
Directory	Catharin Lewis	281-332-1644

If you would like to serve on one of these committees please contact the respective chairwoman.

**Legislation Watch**



*“But you must remember, my fellow-citizens that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government.”*

Andrew Jackson, Farewell address, March 4, 1837

Where do I begin? It’s a challenge to keep up with all that’s happening in Washington and Austin. Seems to me that Obama is breaking all records - issuing Executive Orders right and left and flying anywhere he can find an excuse to go in Air Force One. He’s having a great time as we watch our country hurtle toward socialism, really scary.

My main “hot buttons” are (in no particular order): Gun control, Fairness Doctrine, Border Security, and Ballot integrity (voter photo ID). Comments follow.

**Gun control:** People are buying guns and ammunition in record numbers in anticipation of what Obama/Pelosi/Reid will do. Word has it that they will go after gun owners via the ammunition, i.e. prohibitive prices, “registration” of purchasers of ammo, etc. Think about it - a gun is useless with no ammo.

**Fairness Doctrine:** At the BARW meeting in January, Tom DeLay told us “it’s coming”. Now we are told that “President Obama opposes any move to bring back the so-called Fairness Doctrine”. Now whom are we going to believe? Hmmmm...

**Border Security:** It seems the situation with growing drug cartels in Mexico is overshadowing the illegal immigration problem (hard to imagine, but true). Some 6,000 people were murdered in Mexico last year by the drug cartels. Texas House Speaker Joe Straus says “It’s a federal issue”, indicating that he would not be favorable to bills that would give the state tools to battle illegal immigration.

**Voter Photo ID:** At this time there are two voter ID bills in committee. I will keep everyone posted as I learn more. Passage of this bill is critical if we are

ever to have an honest election in Texas. Speaker Joe Straus is lukewarm on this subject. Maybe he needs a little prodding.

I don't mean to be picking on the new Speaker of the House. But since the state legislature only meets for 140 days every two years, now is the time to act. We need to let Speaker Straus and others know we are watching. FYI – his Austin phone number is 512-463-0686.

PS – Suggestion: google “The Loud Talker” – really interesting website.

*Carole Ragland, Legislation*

**Money Matters**

*Roxann Lewis*



**Treasurer's Report**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$2,790.72
Deposits	
Membership and Donation	\$ 525.00
Expenses	
TFRW Membership Dues	\$ 195.00
Clear Lake Shuttle Bus	\$ 400.00
(Deposit for Legislative Day)	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,720.72</b>



**CCRW Birthdays**

- March 2 Henry Porretto
- 5 Montgomery Casey
- 9 Arlene Taylor
- 13 Kathy Rehm
- 15 Simon Urbanic
- 19 Dr. Patrick J. McGinnis
- 19 Jerry Shults
- 20 Hon. Pam Matranga
- 20 Betty Suagee
- 21 Debbie Lindemann
- 24 Amanda Isgate
- 29 Dennis Paul

**IRISH SODA BREAD**

- 3 1/2 c. flour, unbleached
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. currants
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tsp. melted butter
- 1 1/2 c. buttermilk

First, combine the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, mix the egg, melted butter, and buttermilk together, and then add to the dry ingredients, stirring a little at a time. Place in a greased loaf pan, heat the oven to 350 degrees and let stand for 20 minutes. Then bake for 45-60 minutes, until the top is a light, golden brown. Remove from the oven, cool in the pan for about 10 minutes (on a rack) then take the bread out of the pan. Let it cool off, then serve it warm (plain or with butter on top). This bread keeps well, is good toasted (or not) and freeze well.

**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC  
Galveston County, Texas  
2009 Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

(C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday month/day \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Member \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member \$10.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member of another Club? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No**

*If yes, name of Club* \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with the following committees:

\_\_\_ Audit \_\_\_ Awards \_\_\_ By-Laws \_\_\_ Campaigns

\_\_\_ CCRW Directory \_\_\_ Community Outreach \_\_\_ Historian

\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_ ICM Tree \_\_\_ Legislation

\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_ Ways & Means

**How did you learn about CCRW?**

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Prior political affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of interest

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**Please mail to Roxann Lewis, 2010 Island Manor Lane, League City, TX 77573, or bring to a CCRW meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month, August through May.**



# CITIZEN LOBBYIST TRAINING

Presented by

Texas Federation of Republican Women  
Republican Party of Texas

Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association

Thursday, March 5, 2009

## Schedule:

- 10:00 AM – Training Session at RPT HQ, 900 Congress Ave., Suite 300, Austin TX
- 11:30 AM – Go to Capitol to meet with Legislators (In conjunction with SREC Day at the Capitol)
- Lunch on your own
- Afternoon – Meet with Legislators and Visit Committee Hearings

## Training Session Presenters Include:

Eric Opiela, RPT Executive Director

- Research, Resources, Activism at Committee Hearings

Hans Klingler, RPT Communications and Political Director

- Press Releases, Who to Contact, How to Present Opinions Effectively
- Writing Scripts, Distributing Alerts and Calls to Action

Toni Anne Dashiell, TFRW President

- Engaging your Party, Local Clubs, and Networks

Skipper Wallace, Lampasas Republican County Chairman and TRCCA Legislative Chair

- Briefing for Legislative Visit

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## REGISTRATION FORM (No fee, but space is limited)

Name: Carole Alexander

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Return Registration Form by **March 1, 2009** to: Kathy Jones, P.O. Box 4084, Horseshoe Bay, Texas 78657 830.598.6354 (home), 512.791.2524 (cell), or [kathyjones01@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyjones01@hotmail.com) (E-mail)

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