

Clear Creek Republican Women



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

February 2009 Newsletter

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From the President



Two words have been on my mind these past few months, "peaceful" and "transition".

Each word has a simple connotation when used independently. The word peace can be defined as serenity or tranquility. Transition means a shift or change to something new. While not necessarily negative, transition can be intimidating and can make us apprehensive. However, when used as a phrase, Peaceful Transition implies optimism for a smooth, easy transition.

Thanks to your help, our CCRW Club has experienced a peaceful transition! I want to thank our past board members for helping to ensure a smooth transition. As you may have noticed at our January meeting, there is a lot of enthusiasm in our club! We are ready to dust ourselves off, roll up our sleeves and lift up our spirits as we take on the task to get Republicans elected!

Likewise, our nation needs a peaceful transition as the torch is passed. We miss the moral, steady hand of George W. and yet, while he was not our choice, we must pray for President Obama.

Now more than ever, we must expect and yes, even demand - that Republicans vote conservatively! They

must remain true to their conservative roots and we must hold them to task! Keep in touch with your elected representatives and let them know that you are following their voting records.

Thanks to each of you, change within CCRW has gone smoothly. Let's pray that our nation will also experience a peaceful transition.

See you soon!

Barbara Meeks, President

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. "

- Thomas Jefferson

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February 5th Program

Our February meeting will be a joint meeting between CCRW and the Friendswood, Galveston and Sandpiper RW Clubs. We will be planning the upcoming TFRW Biennial Convention in Galveston. It will be led by Debbie Roan and Bonnie Wilson, who will review volunteer opportunities and the Convention plans in general.

We will meet at South Shore Harbour Country Club, 4300 South Shore Blvd., League City, TX, at 11:30 for the social hour and buffet lunch, with a 12-1pm program . There is a charge of \$20 per person payable at the door. Reservations are necessary - call or email Barbara Meeks 281-236-3566; meeksbarbara@aol.com

We are really hoping for a good turnout. The members of our club do so much and are so good at what they do, so we will be relying heavily on you. You will be a key element in the success of this Convention. There is a trite old saying that applies here: Many hands make the burden light, few hands make the burden unbearable. If each does a little, the Convention will be a great success, and we will all be helping Galveston to get back on its feet again after Ike. We've had great Conventions in other cities, before, but we have something that they don't have ... Galveston Island ... and you! Let's show the other cities how it's done. Let's show these ladies, who are coming for this Convention, a really good time in Galveston!

Shirley Hendrickson, VP Programs

Calendar

February 5 CCRW Meets Thursday, South Shore Country Club, 11:30 a.m. Social/Lunch Meeting 12-1 p.m.

February 6 Lincoln Dinner, Bay Oaks Country Club, 6:00 p.m.

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

Feb. 8 Galveston RW Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd. , 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 19 Republican Network, Peppers, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Money Matters

Roxann Lewis

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of January 26, 2009: \$2790.72

February's Recipe

Mary Todd Lincoln's White Cake

Adapted from "Lincoln's Table" by Donna D. McCreary

Ingredients

- 1 cup blanched almonds
- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks)
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 6 eggs, separated (best when eggs are cold)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Confectioners' sugar

Method

Using a food processor or a spice grinder, pulverize almonds until they resemble coarse flour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a Bundt cake pan. With an electric beater or stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light yellow in color and fluffy. Sift flour and baking powder three times. (I don't make a rule of this practice, but with three cups of flour, it seemed like a good idea to incorporate some air and help make this cake as light as possible. Fold flour mix into creamed butter and sugar, alternating with milk, until well blended. Stir in almonds and beat well. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until they have stiff, firm peaks. Beaters must be washed and dried thoroughly before whipping egg whites or they will not stiffen properly. Fold egg whites gently into batter with a rubber spatula. Add vanilla extract. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for one hour, or until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Cool for at least 20 minutes before inverting, then allow to completely cool before serving. Sift confectioners' sugar on top. Makes about 12 slices.



CCRW Birthdays

February 7 Jimmy Fullen
18 Sally Prill
21 Gwen Newman
26 Joe Spence
29 Larry Tobin

Clear Creek Republican Women January 9, 2009 Minutes

President, Barbara Meeks, called the January Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on January 9, 2009 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Chaplain, Betty Suagee led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by League City Councilman, Tim Paulissen.

Barbara introduced the elected officials and eight guests.

Shirley Hendrickson introduced our speaker Texas State Representative Larry Taylor.

The business meeting resumed.

Copies of the minutes from our December 4th meeting that were placed on each table were approved with no corrections.

PAC Treasurer, Roxann Lewis, gave the Treasurer's Report stating that we have a balance of \$2790.72. There were no corrections and her report will stand for internal review.

Officer Reports

- V. P. Membership: Sarah Von Dran stated that we have 27 full members and 5 associate members.
- V.P. Programs: Shirley Hendrickson announced that our February meeting would be on Thursday February 5th at South Shore Harbour Country Club at 11:30 am. It will be a joint meeting with the other clubs in Galveston County to discuss the upcoming TFRW Convention to be held in November in Galveston. Lunch will be \$20. Shirley also announced that our speaker for the March meeting would be Charlie Cotton who will address the 2nd Amendment.

Committee Reports

- Campaign Activities: 2008 Campaign Chairman, Kathie Nenninger, announced that our members worked a record 1402.5 hours for the October, November and December quarter and had a grand total of 4813.5 volunteer hours for 2008. Barbara introduced the Campaign Activities Chairman for 2009, Rebecca Allcorn.
- Legislation Chairman: Carole Ragland encouraged us to monitor the votes of our elected officials. She told us to contact them to express our opinions.
- Political Action: Roxann Lewis, Executive Director of the Galveston County Republican Party said that she always needs volunteers.

- Ways and Means: Barbara said that she is still in need of a chairman.
- Newsletter: Barbara welcomed our new newsletter editor, Carole Alexander.
- Telephone: Barbara said that Almeda Wallingford would continue in this position and initiate a calling tree should we need one.

Special Committees

- Directories: Sarah Von Dran gave the new members a copy of the directory.

Announcements:

- Barbara announced that Greater Houston Council's annual Nuts and Bolts Seminar would be held on January 20th. New officers and chairman are encouraged to attend. A carpool will depart at 8:30am from the GOP Campaign office.
- Barbara announced that TFRW's Legislative Day would be held on April 16th in Austin. CCRW is planning to get a bus to attend. The other area clubs will be invited to go with us. Instead of the usual basket for a silent auction, we have been asked to put together a tote bag filled with items that reflect our area.
- Barbara noted the date and location change for our February meeting. The special meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th at South Shore Harbour Country Club. It will be a joint meeting with the other Republican Women's Clubs in Galveston County. The meeting will begin with the social at 11:30am, followed by the meeting at noon. Lunch will be \$20. The program will be a panel discussion with the co-chairs of the November 09 TFRW Convention.
- Carole Alexander invited the CCRW members to the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Fashion Show on January 23rd at the Gilruth Center.
- Kathie Nenninger invited everyone to the Republican Network meeting on Thursday January 22nd at Pepper's Restaurant.
- Representative Larry Taylor encouraged members to write him letters concerning legislation during the session.
- Barbara asked us to support the CCISD Livestock Show on January 29, 2009.
- Debbie Roan invited us to BARW's meeting on January 28th at Baileys'. The speaker will be Tom DeLay. She also announced the BARW Lincoln Day Dinner to be held on February 6, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Kathie Nenninger, Secretary

Just a reminder to everyone to pay your membership dues, be it full membership for \$25 or Associate membership for \$10. If you have any questions please call me at 281 482-2990 or by email which is bigbadoma@att.net.

Sarah Von Dran
1st Vice President Membership

Community Outreach

Tommye Randolph

CCRW OFFICERS

President	Barbara Meeks	281-236-3566
VP Membership	Sarah Von Dran	281-482-2990
VP Programs	Shirley Hendrickson	832-221-0419
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Corresponding Secretary	Benny Cheney	
Treasurer	Roxan Lewis	281-557-8060
Past President	Diane Gillette	713-893-4243

CCRW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Campaign Activities	Rebecca Allcorn	
Community Outreach	Tommye Randolph	281-316-9342
Legislation	Carole Ragland	281-332-3154
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.



What a year to be Legislative Chairman! Where do I begin? We have a narrow majority in Austin, with a new Speaker of the House who was elected by Democrats (huh?) We need to let Speaker Straus know that we're watching him and expect him to behave like a Republican!

And then we have our new President boldly writing Executive Orders and aggressively pushing his Socialist agenda through Congress with the help of Pelosi and Reid. Scary!

I recently attended talks by our state representative Larry Taylor and former Congressman Tom DeLay. A common thread in both talks was the importance of constituent feedback, whether positive or negative. They need our input. If we feel they are doing a good job or have cast the right vote, we should let them know. If there is a vote coming up that we feel strongly about, we should communicate our feelings to them. If they are doing a good job, our elected officials deserve a pat on the back!

To make this as painless as possible, in the next few days I will e-mail our membership a chart with the contact information for elected officials from Barack Obama down to our local officials. I have also added the information for the Texas Speaker of the House. Please hang onto this list. Keep it handy for future reference. You'll need it.

When I learn of a pending vote or an urgent matter that needs immediate attention, I will send out an e-mail to our membership. I promise I will send these e-mails only when action is urgently needed and won't flood your mailbox.

As "Sully", the captain on Flight 1549 advised the passengers: "Brace for Impact!"

Carole Ragland, Legislation

**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?

Prior political affiliations _____

Areas of interest

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.

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