

Clear Creek Republican Women



August 2005 Newsletter

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From the President



I know that you are all completely refreshed after a two-month break sitting by your pool and going on adventurous vacations. Okay, perhaps you spent the summer following our Legislature while they once again try to fix our school funding and simultaneously give us a property tax reduction so that you will have the funds to have a pool and take a needed vacation. One thing for certain, we have missed seeing one another.

I had the privilege of visiting with several other Republican Women's groups and enjoyed seeing old friends from The Island and Harris County. One common thread that I saw was everyone's attention to bills in Congress and those in Texas. These soon to be laws affect our every day life. Your input is essential. Thank you for responding to our emails and contacting your legislators with your valued opinion.

Ever wonder about state boards and commissions? Our speaker for August will be my friend, Tim Turner, a member of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. He will discuss his role on this very important board. I will also have a list of other State Boards and Commissions that you might be interested in applying for.

Incidentally, both the City of League City and Galveston County have boards and commissions that might interest you. Several of our CCRW members are currently serving on a variety of them. Maybe there is one for you.

See you at Esteban's!

Kathie

August 5th Meeting

You will enjoy hearing from Timothy J. Turner of Houston, who will discuss unique volunteer opportunities at our August General Membership meeting. He is principal of Tim Turner & Associates, L.L.C., a business development consulting firm, providing successful evaluation and development of strategic business relationships.

Tim will speak about his role as a member of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, as well as address responsibilities of, and opportunities for, serving on various boards.

He is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the State Bar of Texas, and has been active on numerous national, state and local boards and committees since 1979.

Mr. Turner has taught courses in public speaking and negotiations for industry professionals and is a qualified mediator specializing in real estate, information technology and EEOC claims. He received his undergraduate degree in Petroleum Land Management from the University of Texas at Austin in 1980.

Katie Benoit

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!



Aug 4, 11, 18, 25: Galveston Island Pachyderm, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30a.m.

August 5: CCRW Meeting, Fiesta Shack, 11:30a.m.

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

August 12-13: Republican Party of Galveston County Booth at the Hitchcock Good Ole Days

August 17: Galveston Republican Women, Landry's on the Seawall at 53rd Street; 11:30am. Reservations 409-945-3938.

August 23rd: Sandpiper Republican Women, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road; 11:45a.m.

August 24: Bay Area Republican Women, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One; 10a.m.

September 17: Galveston County Republican Roundup, League City SportsPlex.

September 24-25: Republican Party of Galveston County Booth at the League City Oak Tree Festival.

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

Membership News!

Our Membership Drive has had great results, with a total of 57 Members and 25 Associate Members! But we must continue to grow our base!

May Meeting Minutes



The regular CCRW Meeting was called to order by President Kathie Nenninger at 12:05 PM, as she thanked our host restaurant, Esteban's Fiesta Shack, for the new podium.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Shirley Hendrickson. Carol Ragland led the Pledge to the American flag and Cynthia McIntyre led the Pledge to the Texas flag. Teri Goodman introduced the elected officials and candidates, and President Nenninger introduced our guests.

Katie Benoit introduced guest speaker Dr. Sandra Mossman, who spoke regarding the growth of CCISD and the school district's plans for the future.

The regular meeting was resumed, and the minutes of the April CCRW meeting stood approved as printed. The Treasurer's report, which was printed in the Newsletter, will stand for audit. Membership Chair Teri Goodman announced CCRW has 57 members and 25 associated members. Katie Benoit, Programs Chair, announced the speaker for our August meeting will be Tim Turner, member of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

Cindy Seidensticker, Campaigns, asked that volunteer hours be E-mailed to her every Friday, if at all possible.

President Nenninger announced there will be no CCRW meetings in June or July. She will hold a special Board Meeting before the August meeting, and details will be given at a later date.

Shirley Hendrickson completed the new directories and distribution was made to members.

Carol Ragland was nominated and will serve as Delegate to the National Federation of Republican Women Convention to be held in Nashville in September.

President Nenninger adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Norma Byous, Secretary

RED Friday



You will soon see a lot of people wearing **Red** on Fridays. Here's why..... The Americans, who support our troops, are the silent majority. We are not "organized" to reflect who we are, or to reflect what our opinions are. Many Americans, like yourself, and all their friends, simply want to recognize that Americans support our troops.

Our idea of showing our solidarity and support for our troops is starting Friday and continuing on each and every Friday, until this is over, that every red-blooded American who supports our young men and women, **WEAR SOMETHING RED!** Word of mouth, press, TV -- let's see if we can make the United States, on any given Friday, a sea of **red** much like a home football game at a University.

If every one of our memberships share this with other acquaintances, fellow workers, friends, and neighbors, I guarantee that it will not be long before the USA will be covered in **RED** - and make our troops know there are many people thinking of their well-being. You will feel better all day Friday when you wear Red!

Let's get the word out and lead by example; wear **RED** on Fridays.



Republican Round-Up!

The Republican Roundup has been set for September 17th at the League City Sportsplex. Auction items are needed, such as jewelry, art, gift certificates, vacation homes, Texas or U.S. Memorabilia, Frequent Flyer miles/tickets, college or professional sports tickets, weekend trips, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help with food, decorations, auction, entertainment, etc. Please contact Bonnie Wilson, 281-332-8039 or wilsonterry@earthlink.net to volunteer!

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, Chairman of the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship subcommittee, and U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl, Republican from Arizona and Chairman of the Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security subcommittee, introduced comprehensive border security and immigration reform legislation on Tuesday. The *Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005*, S. 1438, will dramatically strengthen enforcement, bolster border security, and comprehensively reform our immigration laws. The key components of the bill include enhanced border security and interior enforcement, employer accountability, and reform that address temporary workers and the current illegal population.

WASHINGTON – House Majority Leader Tom DeLay released the following statement after the House passed the Dominican Republic Central American Free Trade Agreement: “CAFTA is an affirmation of America’s commitment to economic security and national security. This agreement builds bridges to new markets for American businesses and establishes new partnerships in democracy. The nations of CAFTA are turning to us – as all free nations rightly do – for support, now that their struggle for freedom and self-determination has been won.”

WASHINGTON – House Majority Leader Tom DeLay called upon the House of Representatives to reauthorize the USA PATRIOT Act, the anti-terror homeland security legislation due for floor consideration this week. “We can never forget – and indeed, the news never lets us forget – the threats we face in this dangerous world. With this vote, all members, from both sides of the aisle, will have an opportunity to show the American people how seriously they take the ongoing threat of terrorism and how they intend combat it.”

AUSTIN – The Texas House of Representatives failed to pass a much needed School Finance Bill that would have reduced the property tax rate, increased the homestead exemption and grant teachers in Texas a pay raise. The House is awaiting a school finance bill from the Senate.

Legislative Update



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“Be always sure you're right, then go ahead.”

~Davy Crockett