

Clear Creek Republican Women



February 2008 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



What an exciting time of the year as we work to get our Republican candidates elected. At our next meeting, Galveston County candidates in contested races will participate in a forum that should explain their platforms. Not only will this help you decide who will get your vote, but it is an excellent way to become knowledgeable about the candidates so that you can help spread the word.

Early voting for the March Primary begins on Tuesday, February 19 and runs through Friday, February 29th. There are three important Propositions on the ballot. One covering enforcing U.S. immigration laws, one would require voters to provide a valid photo ID in order to vote in Texas, and the third one would place some restrictions on government bodies in Texas in order to control government growth.

There are many opportunities out there for us to get involved in to help the candidates. I feel a sense of pride when they look to us first for help.

Do not be shy, ask how you can help, roll up your sleeves and get busy!

I hope all of you will join us at our meeting on February 1st at Esteban's Fiesta Shack.

Don't forget to keep your eyes open for a possible surprise visit from Hillary!

Diane Gillette, President

February 1st Program

The program for our February meeting will be a Forum of the Republican Candidates who are facing a challenger in the March 4th Primary.

Candidates for County Party Chair, Constable, Sheriff, Texas Court of Appeals and Congressional District 14 have confirmed their attendance.

This Forum provides an ideal opportunity to learn about the individuals and their goals for elected office.

Members of CCRW are encouraged to bring friends and family members who want to be INFORMED voters!

Plan to attend the Forum at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, Friday, February 1st to learn more about our Republican Candidates!

Barbara Meeks, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events



Jan. 29: CCRW Board Meeting 1st at the Calder Rd Annex in League City at 11:30am.

Feb. 1: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack. 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28: Galveston Island Pachyderms meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.

Feb. 19-29: Early Voting for the Texas Primary.

Feb. 20: Galveston Republican Women meets at Gaido's in Galveston at 11:30am.

Feb 21: Republican Network at Peppers Restaurant along the frontage road of I-45 in League City at 7pm.

Feb. 22: Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner at South Shore Harbour Resort at 7pm.

Feb. 26: Sandpiper Republican Women meets at Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road at 11:45am.

Feb. 27: Bay Area Republican Women meets at Tommy's at 2555 Bay Area Blvd at 11am.

Feb. 28: Friendswood Republican Women meets at Perry's Grille in Friendswood at 11:30am.

Mar. 4: Texas Primary Election Day.

June 12-14: Texas Republican Convention.



January Minutes

President Diane Gillette called the January 11th meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women to order at noon at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Chaplin Celia Mabry led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Immediate Past President Cindy Seidensticker. Diane introduced the elected officials, candidates and guests.

Bettie Moss, VP Membership, disguised as Democrat Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton, encouraged all past members and guests to join CCRW for 2008 by filling out the membership forms. Diane introduced guest speaker, Judge Lonnie Cox of the 56th District Court.

The business meeting resumed. Diane announced that CCRW was celebrating our 8th anniversary, having grown from a very small few who met in a private home to the packed room that we have today. Diane recognized Kathie Nenninger who co founded CCRW with lovely flowers, and past President Tommye Randolph who lit the eight candles on the beautiful cake. We all sang "Happy Birthday".

Diane thanked everyone for electing her President for 2008 and then recognized the officers who served last year, thanking them for their service by presenting them with flowers. Diane welcomed '08 board members. The Treasurer's Report, published in the newsletter, had no corrections and will stand for internal review.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Membership VP Bettie Moss announced a membership contest for '08 with the prize being a stay at the historic John Kipp House in Kemah.

Programs: Diane said the February meeting would be a Candidate forum with the candidates in contested races. **PAC Treasurer Roxanna Lewis** reported an ending balance of \$3036.69.

Committee Reports:

Campaign Activities: Kathie Nenninger explained that she has contacted all of the candidates for their campaign volunteer needs. When the candidates send their responses, she will notify our members with the projects that they can help with. She also passed out a paper about TFRW's Policy of Counting Campaign Hours. Members were asked to tally their hours on their calendar. They will be contacted at the end of each month for the number of hours that they volunteered.

Legislation: Shirley Hendrickson explained the pros and cons of the GOP plan that would put Texas first in the Presidential Sweepstakes every 16 years. She also passed out a sheet of paper with contact information for elected officials.

Victory 2008: Bonnie Wilson passed out sheets with the candidates and the RPT Ballot Propositions. Bonnie said that clerks and judges for the election were needed and that the voting locations would be a little different and announced soon. She explained the delegate process beginning with our precinct convention that immediately follows the primary election at our polling locations. She added that the Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner will be held at South Shore Harbour Resort February 22nd.

Ways and Means: Benny Cheney invited new members to purchase a CCRW pin. **Hospitality:** Diane thanked **Sarah Von Dran** for greeting our members and **Betty Suagee** for taking the lunch money. **ICM Tree:** Diane said that Booz Allen bought our tree and the ornaments had been removed and are in storage. **New Business:** The Financial Review Committee conducted an internal review of our CCRW's financial records December 13th and the records were approved.

Announcements: Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will have their annual Nuts "N Bolts Seminar January 15th and 45th Anniversary Luncheon, January 31st at the Intercontinental Houston Hotel. Cost is \$50. **The Republican Party of Texas Convention** will be June 12-14th. Debbie Roan invited everyone to **Bay Area RW's Candidate Forum** at Bay Oaks Country Club January 15th. Kathy Rogers announced that Chris Peden would be the speaker at **Friendswood RW** January 24th, and a candidate forum February 28th. Onzelo Markum reported that the **Republican Network** would meet at a new location, Peppers Restaurant January 17th at 6:30pm; Jeff Yates will be the speaker. Kathy Haigler told of volunteer opportunities with the **Robert Talton for Congress Campaign**. Galveston County Party Chairman, Kerry Neves, announced the **Galveston County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner** on February 22, 2008 with tickets at \$60 per person. Speaker will be Rich Galen. **Jimmy Fullen, Candidate for Constable Pct. 4**, invited everyone to his event at Hidden Palms.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm

Treasury Report

Current Balance:

PAC Treasury \$ 3,221.08



Roxanna Lewis, Treasurer

CCRW Birthdays

February 25 Glenda Hink
26 Joe Spence
29 Larry Tobin



If we missed your special day, please make sure we have your special date on file!

Barbara Meeks, Editor



Guest Editorial

By Robert Talton, State Representative

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write to you about several important issues that came before the Texas Legislature in 2007. Grassroots conservatives are the backbone of the Republican Party and your involvement is vital to the continued success of our cause.

Like most of you, I am very concerned about the lax enforcement of our immigration laws and the need to secure our borders. During the last legislative session, I filed a bill that would have allowed police officers to inquire into the immigration status of any person under arrest. This bill would have also given police officers the authority to arrest an individual suspected of violating federal immigration laws or to report the individual to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Additionally, I opposed any attempt to use public funds to pay for medical or social expenses for illegal immigrants.

I was also proud to take a stand against wasteful spending in the state budget. I was one of a handful of Republicans to vote against a state budget that increased spending by 20.7%. The State of Texas simply cannot afford to increase spending at these levels, and I supported a spending cap that would prevent the state from spending more than an amount tied to population growth and inflation. Fortunately, the Texas Constitution requires the legislature to pass a balanced budget - a requirement that I would like to see in the United States Constitution as well.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you in the Texas House of Representatives.

Lincoln Dinner

The Galveston County GOP will host their Annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Friday, February 22nd at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City.



Registration and a silent auction begin at 6pm, and the program at 7pm. Individual ticket price is \$60, and sponsor tables are still available.

Keynote Speaker will be Rich Galen, political columnist, commentator and aide to Dan Quayle and Newt Gingrich.

To order tickets, you may mail a check to Kerry Neves, 225 FM 517 West, Dickinson, TX 77539. See you there!

Victory '08

The Primary Office for the Republican Party of Galveston County will open Friday, February 1st. The office is located at 1314 FM646, Suite 24 in League City, which is in the same location as last year, just a different suite.

The phone number is 281-337-5467. All systems should be up and running by February 1st. Office hours will be 9a.m. to 5p.m., with extended hours as needed. Visitors and volunteers are always welcome!

CCRW Officers

President.....Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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CCRW Committees

By Laws.....Carole Ragland 281-316-9342
Campaign Activities.....Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418
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Community Outreach....Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342
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Special Committees

ICM Tree.....Sylvia Jackson 281-332-7777
Victory 2008.....Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039

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



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“The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.”

- Abraham Lincoln

Legislative Information

"Cornyn and Combs Promote Transparency and Accountability in Government"

Sen. John Cornyn joined Texas Comptroller Susan Combs to highlight their work in bringing transparency and accountability to government. Sen. Cornyn cited Combs as the inspiration for new legislation he will be filing next month titled Federal Spending and Taxpayer Accessibility Act of 2008 which will help give the public more power to hold the federal government accountable. Sen. Cornyn said, "The essence of self government is to have information in the public domain."

The federal legislation is borrowed from the Texas initiative and will create a pilot project for a searchable website which will allow taxpayers to see exactly how their money is being spent by Federal government agencies, expanding upon the current spending database created by Senators Tom Coburn and Barak Obama.

Cornyn encouraged citizens to check out www.expectmore.gov, saying that 22% of government agencies with ineffective programs, but Congress refuses to eliminate them.

Earmarks were addressed when Sen. Cornyn told the *Austin American-Statesman* that the Woodstock Museum and the "Bridge to Nowhere" have become symbols for wasteful spending. We applaud the Texas efforts and Sen. Cornyn's work to shed light on government spending."

Shirley Hendrickson

Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2008 Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP + 4 _____ Precinct _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Birthday month/day _____

_____ Full Member \$25.00

_____ Associate Member \$10.00

_____ Member of another Club? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, name of Club _____

Date Paid _____ **Check number/cash** _____

I would like to help with the following committees:

___ Awards	___ Audit	___ By Laws	___ Campaigns	___ Fundraising
___ Community Service	___ Historian	___ Hospitality	___ Legislation	
___ Newsletter	___ Publicity	___ Telephone	___ Ways and Means	

How did you learn about CCRW? _____

Prior political affiliations _____

Areas of interest: _____

Mail to: Roxanna Lewis, 2010 Island Manor Lane, League City, Texas 77573
Or, bring the completed form to a CCRW meeting, held August through May.