

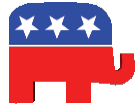
Clear Creek Republican Women



March 2007 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



If you've looked outside, you will have noticed that everything is starting to bloom and wake from winter. We are like that in that we are gearing up for a busy spring. Our wonderful Lincoln Day Dinner will be held in April and it is a time for us to come together and support our Party.

I recently read some interesting facts about how the Republican Party came into power, and I thought you might also find the facts of interest.

The Republican Party was formally organized on July 6, 1854 in Jackson, Michigan. The first convention was held, a platform was adopted, and a slate of candidates was nominated. Other states soon followed suit. John C. Fremont was the first Republican candidate to be nominated for President, and ran for office in 1856. As such, he was a third-party candidate.

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected the first Republican President. Republicans held the White House for sixty of the next one hundred years.

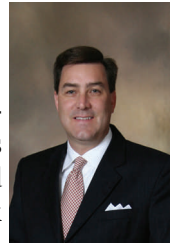
In 1874, Thomas Nast, an illustrator and caricaturist for The New Yorker, created the symbol of the Republican Party. The elephant depicted by Nast, is known to be clever, steadfast, and controlled when calm, yet unmanageable when frightened.

We should remain clever, steadfast and controlled over the next two years as we calmly work to re-elect those Republicans in office and elect Republicans who seek office. Now, let's go to work!

Diane Gillette, President

March 2nd Program

Chris Peden, Friendswood City Councilman, will be our March 2nd speaker. Chris is also Mayor Pro-tem of Friendswood and led the move that refunded a property tax surplus to Friendswood voters.



Most recently Chris has been involved in the proposed ballot measure for English as the official language in Friendswood.

Chris will share his thoughts with us about why English should not only be the official language of Friendswood, but of America, and why every child should have the chance to learn English.

See you on Friday, March 2nd!

Donna Maloney, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events



Feb. 27: CCRW Board Meeting, 11:30am Calder Rd Annex.
Mar. 1: TFRW Legislative Day in Austin.
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.
Mar. 2: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.
Mar. 8: Galveston County Executive Committee 7pm, Holbrook Building in Galveston.
Mar. 15: Republican Network, 7pm at Calder Rd. Annex
Mar. 21: Galveston Republican Women, 11:30am; Gaido's.
Mar. 22: Friendswood Republican Women, 11:15am at Perry's Grille in Friendswood.
Mar. 27: Sandpiper Republican Women, 11:30am, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road.
Mar. 28: Bay Area Republican Women, 11:30am, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One.
April 13: Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner, Doyle Convention Center, Texas City.

Treasury Report

Current Balances:

PAC Treasury	\$ 2,587.89
Petty Cash	382.10
Total On Hand	\$ 2,969.99

Glenda Barnes, Treasurer



February 2nd Minutes

The February 2nd meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women was called to order at 12 noon by President Diane Gillette. The meeting was opened in prayer by Chaplain Bonnie Wilson. The pledges to the Texas Flag and the American Flag were recited. President Diane Gillette opened the meeting and introduced guests. VP Membership, Bettie Moss, introduced the elected officials in attendance.



VP of Programs Donna Maloney introduced speaker Hon. Cheryl E. Johnson, Tax Assessor Collector of Galveston County. Ms. Johnson presented an informative and lively discussion of effective protest of appraisal increases, and updates of the strides forward made in her office to date in implementing new tax programming, personnel and procedures; and developments in the legislature this year in the area of appraisal caps. She reported on the Texas City Rollback Election and introduced Ann King of Texas City, the local citizen spearheading the successful rollback petition and campaign.

Minutes from February 2nd were published in the newsletter. Corrections were made, and noted that Catharin Lewis will be Special Committee Directory Chair. Minutes were approved. VP Membership, Bettie Moss, announced that the Club has 31 full and 18 associate members. VP Programs, Donna Maloney, announced the program for the next membership meeting would be the Chris Peden, Friendswood City Council Member.

Treasurer Glenda Barnes stated the correct Treasury amount was \$2,408.89. The Treasurer's Report was approved with corrections and will stand for internal review. Norma Byous asked for information regarding members' needs for encouragement cards so she can send appropriate cards on behalf of the Club. She will send a condolence card to Tim Paulissen on the recent passing of his father. Diane introduced her committee chairs:

Campaign Activities: Linda Coltharp has a form for individual achievement in campaign activities. See Linda if you might qualify. The form is also available online: www.tfrw.org.

Awards Committee: Diane asked for a volunteer to head this committee as Phyllis Molnar is not able to serve as chair.

Legislation: Kathie Nenninger stated petitions were being circulated to support the Texas Tax Appraisal Reform, and will be presented to the legislators in concert with Legislative Day.

Outreach: Tommye Randolph mentioned several requests for books at Devereux. Call Tommye if you have pet projects to be considered for community outreach.

Victory 2007: Bonnie Wilson will be liaison to the County Party to keep us informed of elections and volunteer opportunities. City Elections will be held May 12th.

Ways and Means: Benny Chaney and Shirley Hendrickson. Proceeds from all sales go into the Club's treasury.

Newsletter: Barbara Meeks will continue as Editor. She announced the Clear Creek Clean Up February 24. Esteban's donates a fajitas lunch. In addition to the good work of cleaning up our namesake Creek, everyone has a good time.

Telephone: Almeda Wallingford will call members without email. **Publicity:** Berniece Linck. **Historian:** Catharin Lewis asked that any photographs and other memorabilia in connection with the Club be given to her so she can scrapbook and archive the material as part of the Club's Historical Annals.

Hospitality: Barbara Meeks and Pamela Taylor, will "tag team" this committee. Barbara will handle name tags and sign in. Pamela will collect money for lunches. Please make checks payable to Esteban's Cafe, and not to CCRW.

Directory: Catharin Lewis will produce the new directory.

By-Laws: Phyllis Molnar. **Gifts.** Kathie Nenninger.

Chaplain, Bonnie Wilson. **Parliamentarian,** Marge Jacobson

Old Business: Kathie Nenninger gave an update on Caring Ministry for Cindy Seidensticker. **New Business:** The Greater Houston Council Nuts & Bolts Seminar was rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 20. **Legislative Day:** Thursday, March 1. Registration is \$60 payable to TFRW PAC. Forms and money should be sent in one envelope in order to be seated together.

Clubs have been asked to bring a theme basket for a silent auction. CCRW's basket theme is water-related to best represent our club hailing from Clear Creek. Pam Kinser will put all donated items together to make a beautiful basket. **Bay Area Republican Women's Lincoln Day Dinner** was announced by its president Debbie Roan to be held at Lakewood Yacht Club February 10. Houston City Council member and radio personality Michael Berry will speak. **Galveston County's Lincoln Day Dinner** will be held Friday, April 13 at the Doyle Center in Texas City.

President's Pin. Commissioner Ken Clark made a surprise announcement, when he addressed the membership and presented Diane with her official President's pin.

President Diane Gillette adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.

Celia Mabry, Secretary

March Birthdays

March 20 Pam Matranga
 21 Debbie Lindemann
 29 Tommye Randolph



Community Outreach

Many members of Clear Creek Republican Women are very active in our community, and we want to support your efforts!

If you volunteer with a non-profit group, or if you know of a charitable organization that is in need, please tell our Community Outreach Chair, Tommye Randolph. The project can be highlighted in the newsletter to recruit assistance.

One ongoing project is the Library at Devereux Treatment Center. Students at Devereux have requested books on the following topics:

President John F. Kennedy
 Marilyn Monroe
 Instruction books on Chess and/or Checkers

Campaign Hours

Please report volunteer hours to Linda Coltharp! You may email your hours to Linda at lcoltharp@sbcglobal.net or by phone 281-648-9662.



CCRW Officers

President.....Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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 VP Programs.....Donna Maloney 281-535-0400
 Secretary.....Celia Mabry 281-482-8139
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 Corresponding Secretary.....Norma Byous 281-332-4681

CCRW Committees

Awards.....Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418
 Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342
 By-Laws..... Available.....
 Campaigns.....Linda Coltharp 281-648-9662
 Chaplain.....Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039
 Community Outreach.....Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342
 Historian.....Catharin Lewis 281-332-1644
 Hospitality.....Pamela Taylor 281-316-5330
 Barbara Meeks 281-316-2057
 ICM Tree.....Carole Ragland 281-332-3154
 Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418
 Sylvia Jackson 281-332-7777
 Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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 Parliamentarian.....Marge Jacobson 281-334-1447
 Publicity.....Berniece Linck 281-334-6376
 Telephone.....Almeda Wallingford 281-538-1651
 Victory 2007.....Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039
 Ways and Means.....Bennie Cheney 281-538-1467
 Shirley Hendrickson 281-316-6929

Special Committees

Directory.....Catharin Lewis 281-332-1644
 Gifts/Remembrances.....Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418

If we missed your special day, please advise so we can update CCRW records!

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Get Well Wishes . . .

Please remember CCRW members Cindy Seidensticker and Marge Jacobson in your prayers.

Lenten Luncheon

Esteban's will serve a meatless entree at the CCRW meeting on Fridays during this season of Lent. Lunch will cost \$10 cash or checks made payable to Esteban's. We look forward to seeing you there!

Membership Directory

Catharin Lewis is preparing our new Membership Directory! In order to be included, please remit your dues to Glenda Barnes on or before March 28, 2007. A membership form is included in this newsletter.

In addition to other information, please include the month and day you were born so you can be recognized on your birthday! The new directories will be distributed at the April 6th meeting.

Membership Notes

This is a reminder that membership dues are due! Thirty one full and eighteen associate members have renewed their dues. Don't forget that there is a contest for the person who recruits the most members!!!!

Lincoln Day Dinner

The Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner will be held Friday, April 13th at the Doyle Center in Texas City. Congressman Ron Paul will speak on illegal immigration issues. A barbecue dinner will begin at 7pm, following a reception for event sponsors.



Tickets will cost \$30 each; dress will be business casual. Sponsor opportunities are available! Please contact Donna Maloney at 281-535-0400 or Linda Coltharp at 281-648-9662 for information or to volunteer.



Legislative Update

AUSTIN - House Bill 8 by Rep. Debbie Riddle (R- District 150) has also become known as "Jessica's Law", named in memory of Jessica Lunsford, a 9-year old Florida girl who was murdered by a convicted sex offender in 2005. Governor Rick Perry placed Jessica's Law on his list of emergency issues earlier this session, giving the house permission to hear the bill before the 60 day moratorium on floor debate has elapsed.

AUSTIN - Sen. Dan Patrick (R-Houston) introduced Senate Bill 773 which would make it illegal to be illegal in Texas. The bill, requested by cops on the beat, would give officers one more tool to detain and arrest persons who are suspected to be in violation of other laws. Upon passage, the penal code would be amended to define being illegal in Texas as criminal trespass, a Class B misdemeanor.

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Ranking Member on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, today made the following comments on her vote in support of efforts to ensure if any votes are taken on non-binding resolutions that one to support the military personnel fighting the War on Terror is included: "The question before the Senate today represents a clear choice between victory and defeat. The resolution does not contain a guarantee of troop support for all the troops who will be on the front lines in Iraq going forward. Passage of such a proposal would send a dispiriting message to the brave men and women who are carrying out their duties as we debate their mission."

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld and effectuated Congress's removal of federal court jurisdiction to hear habeas corpus petitions filed by enemy combatant detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Late last year, Congress responded to the Supreme Court's Hamdan decision through passage of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA). Importantly, the Court ruled that this legislation does not amount to an unconstitutional suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn played a key role in drafting this legislation as a Member of both the Senate Armed Services and Judiciary Committees.

Kathie Nenninger



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"The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours, is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight."

- Theodore Roosevelt, 1858-1919

Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2007 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: Glenda Barnes, CCRW PAC Treasurer, 4408 Island Dr., Dickinson, Texas 77539
Or, bring to a CCRW meeting, 11:30a.m. on the first Friday, August through May