

Clear Creek Republican Women



April 2007 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



.Our busiest time of the year is just about to start! There will be many opportunities in the coming months for us to volunteer and work for the Republican Party.

The General Election for the City of League City will be held Saturday, May 12th. Early voting starts April 30th. There will also be a Special Constitutional Amendment Election May 12th for a property tax break for the elderly and the disabled. County Commissioner and CCRW associate member, Ken Clark, needs help at approximately twenty polls. Please call his office to sign up.

Help is also needed at the Courthouse in Galveston for signature verification for the May 12th Special Constitutional Amendment Election. Galveston County Republican Party Chairman and CCRW associate member, Kerry Neves, has asked for volunteers.

If you haven't sent in your reservation for the Lincoln Day Dinner, do so now! It promises to be a wonderful event with US Representative, Ron Paul, the keynote speaker and, of course, those great silent auction items. CCRW members, Linda Coltharp and Donna Maloney have devoted many hours to organize this event and now they need our assistance that evening. If you can help, please contact Linda or Donna.

We are being called on to "step up to the plate" and devote some time and energy to our Party. Republican Women clubs in Texas have always logged the most campaign hours according to NFRW statistics and this year should be no exception. Now, let's go to work!

Diane Gillette, President

April 6th Program

CCRW has been anxious to hear from TFRW President, 'Borah Van Dormolen, who was to be our speaker at this April 6th meeting.



Regretfully, 'Borah has had to postpone her visit, and has asked Congresswoman, Shelley Sekula Gibbs to speak in her place.

Sekula Gibbs, a fifth generation Texan, served as City Councilwoman in Houston and is a dermatologist in Clear Lake. She was elected last November to fill the vacant congressional seat in CD 22, and is working diligently to win this seat back for the Republicans!

See you on Friday, April 6th!

Donna Maloney, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events



April 3: CCRW Board Meeting, 11:30am Calder Rd Annex.

April 5, 12, 19, 26: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.

April 6: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.

April 8: Happy Easter!

April 13: Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner, Doyle Convention Center, Texas.

April 18: Galveston Republican Women, 11:30am; Gaido's.

April 19: Republican Network, 7pm at Calder Rd. Annex

April 19: Friendswood Republican Women, 11:15am at Perry's Grille in Friendswood.

April 24: Sandpiper Republican Women, 11:30am, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road.

April 25: Bay Area Republican Women, 11:30am, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One.

Treasury Report

Current Balances:

PAC Treasury	\$ 2,702.89
Petty Cash	382.10
Total On Hand	\$ 3,084.99



Glenda Barnes, Treasurer

March 2nd Minutes



CCRW's March 2nd general membership meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Diane Gillette. The meeting was opened in prayer by Chaplain, Bonnie Wilson. Pledges to the Texas and American Flags were led by Teri Goodman.

President Gillette opened the meeting by welcoming Cindy Seidensticker, to a standing ovation. Gillette then introduced the elected officials and candidates in attendance, who received a hearty welcome. Programs VP Donna Maloney was ill so Barbara Meeks was called on to introduce the speaker, Hon. Chris Peden, Friendswood City Councilman, who spoke on the topic of why English should be the only language.

Business Meeting: February Minutes were published in the newsletter; amendments were made and the minutes approved.

Membership VP, Bettie Moss, announced that CCRW has 31 full and 22 associate members. She introduced new member Lisa Howard and 4 associate members, each of whom was given a CCRW directory. Bettie announced that the John Kipp House is the official grand prize for the winning club member of the new membership drive from 12/01/06 to 12/01/07.

With **Programs VP Donna Maloney** absent, Diane announced the program for the April meeting would be Borah Van Dornmolen, President of the TFRW. **Treasurer Glenda Barnes**, was also absent due to illness; Diane gave the Treasurer's Report as published, it was approved and stood for internal review. **Corresponding Secretary Norma Byous**, announced the care and sympathy cards sent on behalf of the Club this past month.

Committee Reports: Campaign Activities. Campaign hours, which are due now, should be turned in to **Linda Coltharp**. Copies of "Guidelines for Counting Campaign Hours" were available for those who need one. **Tommye Randolph** said the Awards Committee and President Diane Gillette, will meet prior to the Board Meeting on April 3rd to review the criteria for TFRW's John Goodwin Tower Award for Excellence. Diane thanked Tommye and **Kathie Nenninger** for stepping up and volunteering to head this committee.

Tommye Randolph reported on fulfilling special requests for books at Devereux. The focus is now on gathering magazines, and donations of evening wear for the kids' prom and graduation. **Bonnie Wilson** announced an executive committee meeting Thursday at Holbrook, and asked for volunteers at the polls in Texas City, March 13 Tax Roll Back election. She also said that May 12 is Election Day for city council elections. **Benny Cheney and Shirley Hendrickson** reported that the club is selling membership pins, and that chocolate Irish kisses were for sale. Shirley gave a photo album as a door prize.

Barbara Meeks asked for articles of interest for the Newsletter and reported on the success of the Creek Clean Up. CCRW may consider some level of sponsorship next year. **Almeda Wallingford** will telephone members who do not have email. **Barbara Meeks and Pamela Taylor**, will "tag team" on Hospitality committee. Remember to please make checks payable to Esteban's, and not to CCRW. **Carole Ragland** and **Catharin Lewis** will make changes/additions to the club directory. Proof of a previous directory was circulated for changes and additions.

ICM Christmas Tree – Diane reported that this special committee activates in late October/early November. Interfaith Charity Ministries sponsors this fundraising event in which organizations come together and decorate Christmas trees to be "bought" by local businesses for the holiday season.. It is good advertisement for CCRW and the Republican Party. The committee consists of: Carole Ragland, Sylvia Jackson, Kathie Nenninger, and Diane Gillette. Diane invited any who would like to help. Carole Ragland urged everyone to purchase patriotic/Republican ornaments all year long so the tree becomes bigger each year. **Old Business:** Eight CCRW members attended the Greater Houston Council Nuts & Bolts Seminar. **New Business:** The Legislative Day trip was not accomplished due to snafus in the bus scheduling. The CCRW Board recommended that the Club donate the gift basket to the GC Lincoln Day Dinner silent auction. A motion to do so, by Cindy Seidensticker was seconded by Barbara Meeks and approved. **Galveston County's Lincoln Day Dinner** will be held Friday, April 13th at the Doyle Center in Texas City. U. S. Representative, Dr. Ron Paul will be the keynote speaker and cost will be \$30. Donna Maloney will have further information. Mark Henry is coordinating the silent auction. **SREC Vice Chair Robin Armstrong, M.D.**, will be honored at an appreciation reception hosted by Melissa and Bill King in Kemah. The event is an open invitation. **Commissioner Ken Clark** announced a Constitutional Election May 12. Workers are needed for nearly 20 polls. The amendment on the ballot will allow the state to issue refunds as a result of the school bond. Those who would like to help may call his office.

After announcing the next CCRW meeting would be April 6th, Gillette adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.

Celia Mabry, Secretary

April Birthdays

April 1 Bonnie Wilson
 18 Ginia Wray Wright
 22 Katie Benoit Hake
 19 Kathy Rogers
 22 Robin Armstrong



“A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you who have helped me, whether with food, driving me places or encouraging me. What a special group of ladies you are, and I deeply appreciate you!

Cindy Seidensticker

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

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Get Well Wishes . . .

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

Corresponding for You!

Please provide me with address changes for any CCRW member. Also, let me know if one of our members needs a note of cheer!

Norma Byous

Membership Notes

Imagine a two-night getaway to the delightful John Kipp House on Galveston Bay in Kemah! That will be a reality for the lucky winner of the CCRW Membership Contest this year. Whoever brings in the most new full members from December 1, 2006 to December 1, 2007 will win this fabulous luxury weekend treat!

Talk to your conservative family members and friends in our area about CCRW and invite them to attend our next meeting. They'll want to be knowledgeable about candidates in the City Council and School Board races in May. Tell them about our great programs, fun meetings, good food and fellowship, and, of course, the opportunity to be “in-the-know” and involved with the political process. Be sure they write in your name as the person who told them about CCRW on their membership form. Let's talk it up and bring in those new members!

Bettie Moss

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 are \$30 each; dress will be business casual.



Volunteers are needed! Please contact Donna Maloney at 281-535-0400 or Linda Coltharp at 281-648-9662 for information or to volunteer.

Lenten Luncheon

Esteban's will serve a meatless entree at the CCRW meeting April 6th in observance of Lent. Lunch will cost \$10, cash or checks made payable to Esteban's.

Community Outreach

Do you have formal attire in your closet that you have no plans of wearing ever again? The teens at Devereux would appreciate your donation of formal dresses or tuxedos for their graduation. Please contact Tommie Randolph, or bring your articles to the next CCRW meeting!

Campaign Hours

Please report volunteer hours to Linda Coltharp! Email your hours to Linda at lcoltharp@sbcglobal.net, or by telephone at 281-648-9662.



CCRW Officers

President.....Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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 Campaigns.....Linda Coltharp 281-648-9662
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 Community Outreach.....Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342
 Historian.....Catharin Lewis 281-332-1644
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 Barbara Meeks 281-316-2057
 Legislation.....Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418
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 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
 ICM Tree.....Carole Ragland 281-332-3154
 Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418
 Sylvia Jackson 281-332-7777
 Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
 Victory 2007.....Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039

Who Said It?

"It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers! In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late. Accordingly, I'm readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I'll, in turn, do my best for the cause by writing editorials - after the fact."

Legislative Update

AUSTIN - A constitutional amendment election has been called on May 12, 2007. The Texas Legislature in mid-February passed the proposed constitutional amendment proposition. The constitutional amendment that will be on the May ballot is to correct an omission in legislation that was passed in 2005 and gave taxpayers a reduction in school taxes. Persons over 65 and the disabled were omitted from the bill. The amendment must be passed in May for it to take effect this year as tax bills are calculated in the summer to go out in October. A "yes" vote will make the correction. The ballot language is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn urges Democrats not to play politics with troop funds. Sen Cornyn, a Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, made the following statement regarding the \$124 billion emergency supplemental appropriations bill passed by the House and Senate.

"The President has vowed to veto this bill – as he well should – because our commanders in the field, and not politicians in Washington, should be making the battlefield decisions that will allow our troops to complete their mission."

Answer: Gen. Robert E. Lee, 1963

Kathie Nenninger



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"Government is too big and too important to be left to the politicians."
- Chester Bowles (1901 - 1986)

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