

Clear Creek Republican Women



May 2007 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



It seems everywhere you look it is apparent that the Democrats are gearing up to try and make a comeback in 2008. The political arena will surely start heating up. In the days ahead we should remember the symbol of the Republican Party, the Elephant, which reminds us to remain calm, clever, and steadfast.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting Friday, May 4, when we will hear from the candidates for City Council. The forum should prove to be very informative and will provide us with the facts we need to spread the word to get out the vote. Remember, early voting begins April 30 and runs through May 8. Election Day is May 12.

This year's Lincoln Day Dinner proved to be very successful and was enjoyed by all who attended. A big "thank you" to two of our members, Linda Coltharp and Donna Maloney, for all their long and hard work!

CCRW is planning an exciting fundraiser and major event for this area in the fall. A committee is already formed and busy making all the arrangements. Look for details to be sent out soon.

After the May 4th meeting, CCRW will not convene again until August 3rd. I hope each of you will have a fun and safe summer and will return in August rested and ready to continue the movement towards getting Republicans elected in 2008!

Now, let's get to work!

Diane Gillette, President

May 4th Program

Come meet the candidates for League City city council who will participate in a forum at our May 4th meeting.

Seven candidates are running for two positions. Each candidate will be given two minutes to present their campaign message.

Have your questions ready for the brief question and answer session following the candidates' statements.

City Council elections will be held Saturday, May 12th and early voting is from April 30th through May 7th. Please remember that there is a Clear Creek Independent School District bond election and a Texas Constitution amendment election also being held on May 12th.

See you on Friday, May 4th!

Donna Maloney, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events



May 1: CCRW Board Meeting, 11:30am Calder Rd Annex.
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.
May 4: Clear Creek Republican Women meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.
May 16: Galveston Republican Women, 11:30am; Gaido's.
May 17: Republican Network, 7pm at Calder Rd. Annex
May 17: Friendswood Republican Women, 11:15am at Perry's Grille in Friendswood.
May 22: Sandpiper Republican Women, 11:30am, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road.
May : Bay Area Republican Women, 11:30am, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One.
Aug 31 Texas GOP Presidential Straw Poll.
Sept 27-30 NFRW Biennial Convention in Palm Springs, CA.
Nov 9-11 TFRW Biennial Convention in El Paso, TX.

Treasury Report

Current Balances:

PAC Treasury	\$ 2,669.65
Petty Cash	382.10
Total On Hand	\$ 3,051.75



Glenda Barnes, Treasurer

April 6th Minutes



The April 6th meeting of CCRW 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 Shirley Hendrickson.

First VP Membership, **Bettie Moss**, introduced the elected officials and guests in attendance. VP of Programs **Donna Maloney** introduced the speaker, Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs.

Business Meeting:

The minutes from last month's meeting were published in the newsletter. Amendments were made and the minutes were approved. **1st VP Membership Bettie Moss**, announced that the Club has welcomed three new associate members: Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, her husband Robert Gibbs and Arnold Polanco. She also reminded us that a stay at the John Kipp House is the grand prize for the new membership drive from 12/01/06 to 12/01/07.

Donna Maloney, announced the program for the May membership meeting would be a discussion forum by the candidates for League City City Council. **Treasurer Glenda Barnes** offered the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. The report was approved and will stand for internal review.

Corresponding Secretary Norma Byous announced that care and sympathy cards were sent on behalf of the Club last month.

Campaign Activities chair Linda Coltharp reported that 696 volunteer hours had been turned in. **Community Outreach chair Tommye Randolph** reported that Devereux needs magazines and would like donations of formal attire for the graduation and prom.

Bonnie Wilson put together a packet with election information and distributed copies. **Ways and Means: Benny Chaney and Shirley Hendrickson** reported that jewelry was on sale, as well as bread and goodie baskets. Shirley gave goodie bags to members with April birthdays.

Carole Ragland presented proposed changes and said that the Club membership will vote on the changes at the next general meeting. **Catharin Lewis** reported that the new Club Membership Directory will be available in May. **Recording Secretary, Celia Mabry** was unable to attend and **Shirley Hendrickson** took the minutes of the meeting.

Old Business: The Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner will be held Friday, April 13 at the Doyle Center in Texas City. President Gillette reminded us that the Club had donated a gift basket to the silent auction, and encouraged all to bid on it.

New Business: The idea is being considered to host a **Fall Fundraiser**, to attract national and statewide elected officials. **National Convention in Palm Springs.** At the May 4 meeting, CCRW members will vote on one delegate and one alternate to the National Convention in Palm Springs. **Favorite Teacher Award.** **Catharin Lewis** was named as CCRW's nominee for the Favorite Teacher award. **Kerry Neves** encouraged everyone to attend the Lincoln Day Dinner, as it is a fundraiser for the local party to raise next year's operations money. He also said past delegates and alternates to a GOP convention are eligible to attend the Straw Poll Convention in Fort Worth August 31 – September 1, 2007.

It was announced that workers are needed for the Constitutional election to be held May 12, 2007.

President Diane Gillette adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.

Celia Mabry, Secretary

Volunteer Recognition

Recently, CCRW member Sarah Von Dran was recognized as "2006 Volunteer of the Year" by the Friends of Devereux. Friends President, Diane Morris, presented the award to Von Dran for, "her exceptional leadership and commitment to the adolescent and young adult clients in long-term residential care at Devereux Texas Treatment Center."

In addition to her work on several committees, Sarah worked countless hours behind the scenes, promoting FOD to various organizations. Her tireless dedication has resulted in monetary and in-kind donations to Devereux.

Sarah is an example that Republican Women get things done!

May Birthdays

May 12	Benny Cheney
16	Larry Tobin
17	Sylvia Jackson
21	Ken Clark
24	Claire Worthington
27	Barbara Meeks
31	Norma Walker Anderson



Community Outreach

Wait just a minute! Do not throw away those magazines! The students at Devereux really enjoy Sports, Automobiles, and Teen People magazines, to name a few! Tommye will even pick them up! If you want to be inspired, try to attend the Devereux School Graduation on Friday, May 25, at 10:00 AM. If you will be able to attend, please call Tommye Randolph at 281-316-9342.

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

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Corresponding for You!

“Thinking of You” and “Get Well Soon”. When we can't say it in person, those little notes mean so much to someone who may really need to hear it. Please let me know of someone who may need kind thoughts from CCRW. I'm waiting to hear from you!

Norma Byous

Sen. Hutchison Opposes Mandated Withdrawal from Iraq

“Legislation would send the wrong signal to our troops and our enemies”

I opposed this bill because it will greatly harm our ability to fight and win the War on Terror, by undermining our brave troops who have sacrificed so much to keep us safe and free. It puts a target on the backs of our troops by proposing a date to surrender.

What kind of signal does this send to our fighting men and women? What kind of signal does this send to our enemies?

President Bush has acknowledged that we have not produced the success we need in Iraq, and because of that, he has chosen a new course of action for victory. I believe that the president, as the Commander-in-Chief, has the constitutional right to pursue this new strategy.

We should allow General David Petraeus – a man whose judgment was good enough for Congress to unanimously approve as commander of U.S. forces in Iraq just three months ago – a chance to implement his strategy for success.

This supplemental does contain important economic provisions for Texas families and businesses, and I will work with my colleagues to preserve those provisions in a final bill that is consistent with our national security priorities.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Campaign Activities

Urgent! The deadline for reporting campaign volunteer hours is May 15. Include time you've spent doing campaign work at club meetings (getting petitions signed, mailings, etc.), volunteering at county, state or Federation headquarters, and the hours you spend volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office. Please submit your hours to Linda Coltharp at lcoltharp@sbcglobal.net, or by phone at 281-648-9662.



CCRW Officers

President.....	Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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Secretary.....	Celia Mabry 281-482-8139
PAC Treasurer.....	Glenda Barnes 281-614-0112
Corresponding Secretary.....	Norma Byous 281-332-4681
Immediate Past President....	Cindy Seidensticker 281-332-6596

CCRW Committees

Awards.....	Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418	Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342
By Laws.....	Carole Ragland 281-332-3154	
Campaigns.....	Linda Coltharp 281-648-9662	
Chaplain.....	Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039	
Community Outreach.....	Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342	
Historian.....	Barbara Meeks 281-236-3566	Shirley Hendrickson 281-316-6929
Hospitality.....	Pamela Taylor 281-316-5330	Barbara Meeks 281-316-2057
Legislation.....	Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418	
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Publicity.....	Berniece Linck 281-334-6376	
Telephone.....	Almeda Wallingford 281-538-1651	
Ways and Means.....	Bennie Cheney 281-538-1467	Shirley Hendrickson 281-316-6929

Special Committees

Directory.....	Catharin Lewis 281-332-1644	Carole Ragland 281-332-3154
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?

"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

Legislative Update

AUSTIN - Bill Rejecting HPV Vaccine sent to Governor. Texas lawmakers officially rejected Gov. Rick Perry's anti-cancer vaccine order, sending him a veto-proof bill that blocks state officials from requiring the shots for at least 4 years.

AUSTIN - HB 218 which would require a PHOTO ID in order to vote, **passed** the House by a vote of 76 to 68. House Bill 218 will now move to the Texas Senate where it will be considered in the coming weeks. Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst has signaled publicly his support for the bill.

AUSTIN - Jessica's Law. The Texas Senate passed its version of "Jessica's Law," a get-tough measure on sexual predators that includes a possible death penalty for those who are twice convicted of raping children under 14.

WASHINGTON – Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Chair of the Republican Policy Committee and Ranking Member of the Space, Aeronautics and Related Sciences Commerce Subcommittee, applauded the passage of the America Competes Act (S.761). The legislation will make America more competitive in the global marketplace by increasing investment in research and expanding education in math, science and engineering. The bill passed by a large bipartisan margin, 88- 8.

Kathie Nenninger

Answer: John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)



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"Whilst thou livest, keep a good tongue in thy head."

- William Shakespeare (The Tempest, Act III)

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