

Clear Creek Republican Women



“...the new stars on the horizon.”

August 2008 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready to get busy to get our candidates elected. There is much work to do and not much time. If you can spare a few hours each week from now until November to help out at the newly opened Galveston County Republican Headquarters, please plan to do so. It is a lovely office building and it really is a lot of fun working with friends and fellow members of our club.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the Texas Republican Convention in Houston in June came away with a renewed enthusiasm for our party. The speeches were uplifting and full of optimism and determination to elect Republicans in November. A few notable quotes at the convention were from the Honorable Newt Gingrich, “Drill Here, Drill Now, Pay Less”; from Texas Land Commissioner, the Honorable Jerry Patterson, “We won’t back down!”, and from the former Governor of Arkansas, the Honorable Mike Huckabee, “What makes us Republicans is self government”.

Plans for our event in October are coming along and should prove to be one of our county’s fall highlights. Former Texas Secretary of State, the Honorable Roger Williams, who is Chairman of Texas Victory 2008, will be our featured speaker. Also, accepting an invitation to attend the event is the President of Texas Federation of Republican Women, Toni Anne Dashiell. I hope you will plan to attend the meeting on Friday, August 1st at Esteban’s Fiesta Shack.

Diane Gillette, President

August 1st Program

John LeCour, Chairman of the Republican Party of Galveston County, will be the speaker at our August general membership meeting.



An active conservative, LeCour has served as Precinct Chair and Election Judge, and he has volunteered with local and state campaigns. LeCour was elected to Friendswood City Council in 2004.

LeCour says he “has the experience and leadership that will change Galveston County from its current Democrat Party control, which has included wasteful spending, a soft attitude on crime, and the ever prevalent “good old boy system” of government.”

Please join us at the Fiesta Shack for the 11:30 social and the business meeting at 12 noon.

Barbara Meeks, VP Programs

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Upcoming Events

- July 29: CCRW Board Meeting** at the Calder Road County Annex in League City at 11:30am.
- Aug 1:** CCRW meeting at Esteban's Fiesta Shack. Social at 11:30am, meeting begins at noon.
- Aug 7, 14, 21, 28: Galveston Island Pachyderms** meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.
- Aug 21: Republican Network** at Peppers Restaurant along the frontage road of I-45 in League City at 7pm.
- Aug 27: Bay Area RW** meets at Bailey's Grille, 2320 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook, at 11am.
- Aug 28: Friendswood RW** meets at Perry's Grille, 11:30.
- Sept 1-4: National GOP Convention** at the Xcel Energy Center in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Membership News



I hope you all are having a nice, relaxing summer with lots of fun things to do! Some of us got to know several potential new members for CCRW at the State Republican Convention in June. It was a very inspiring few days at the George R. Brown Convention Center. We'll be inviting these new people to our August 1st meeting, and I hope you, too, will be thinking about who you would like to invite to our upcoming meeting.

Maybe there is someone new in your neighborhood or church or another organization of which you are a part. Please try to plan ahead so that we can have some guests when we get back together in August. We have lots of fun and rewarding activities planned to help get our good Republican candidates elected to office.

We'll need all the people we can gather together to accomplish all the things we want to do in order to be successful in November.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! See you August 1st!

Bettie Moss, Membership VP

Treasury Report



Current Balance \$ 3,617.42

Roxana Lewis, Treasurer

Local GOP Office Opens

The Galveston County Republican Party Headquarter is open for business, and is located in the Calder Ridge Strip Center at 1100 Gulf Freeway, Suite 104 in League

City. The center is located on the northbound feeder road of I-45, between Calder Road and FM 518. The phone number is 281-554-8888.

If you wish to donate supplies, we can always use paper towels, toilet paper, manila file folders, scotch tape, staplers, snack food items, soft drinks (diet and regular) and bottled water. We would also accept coupons for fast food or pizza.

We would also love to have more volunteers! I will email-specific dates for phone banks, block walks, etc. It would be great if you have time to work 2-4 hours every week. I am trying to get all of the shifts filled so that I have some back during the day.

We will also be getting signs soon and we will need help putting those together. Watch for our grand opening!

*Roxanna Lewis,
Volunteer Coordinator*

Tribute to Women



Three CCRW members were recognized during the Tribute to Women Luncheon, hosted by the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

Diane Gillette, Barbara Meeks and Bonnie Wilson (pictured) were congratulated by Senator John Cornyn and TFRW President Toni Anne Dashiell. In addition, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Governor Rick Perry and a host of other elected officials were also present to offer their congratulations.

Way to go, ladies!

CCRW Birthdays

August 11	Terry Wilson 11
12	Diane Gillette
13	Sam Anzaldua
14	Johnnie Hubbard
29	Bettie Moss
30	Deanna McNeal
31	Frances Nussbaum



Some CCRW members celebrated birthdays while we were on summer break. Belated birthday wishes to:

June: Glenda Barnes, Chris Dodds, Mark Henry, Michael Kitchen, Celia Mabry, Barbara Nowlin, Jackie Peden, Larry Taylor, and Barbara Vollmer

July: Teri Goodman, Kathy Haigler, Kathy Nennering, Carole Ragland, Cindy Seidensticker, Olga Whittington

Minutes from May 2, 2008



President, Diane Gillette, called the May Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on May 2, 2008 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Celia Mabry led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Senatorial District 11 SREC, Kathy Haigler.

Diane asked the elected officials and candidates present to stand and introduce themselves. Nine guests were introduced. Hillary Clinton once again interrupted our meeting and was played by Betty Suagee.

Diane introduced Vice President Programs, Barbara Meeks. Barbara introduced our guest speaker, Cathie Adams, President of Texas Eagle Forum.

The business meeting resumed. Minutes from our April 4 meeting that were published in the newsletter, were approved with no corrections.

The Treasurer's Report that was published in the newsletter had no corrections and will stand for internal review.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

- V. P. Membership Bettie Moss said that we have 3 new members and 2 new associate members, giving us 48 full members and 45 associate members. Our new members are Karen Sharpe, Eloise Taylor and Marlene Menchaca. Bettie reminded us that there is a membership competition for 2008 and that the prize will be a weekend at the historic John Kipp House in Kemah. Diane said that CCRW was congratulated and mentioned in the Texas Federation of Republican Women's newsletter for submitting OVER 100% of our 2007 Active Member numbers. She said that much of this success is directly related to the hard work and diligence of our VP of Membership, Bettie Moss. She then thanked Bettie.
- V. P. Programs Barbara Meeks announced that she is still working on our August speaker.
- Treasurer Roxanna Lewis said that the treasury balance was printed in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

- Campaign Activities: Kathie Nenninger said that she received an email from TFRW stating that we can count any hours that we work for our CCRW job but not the hours that we spend at the meetings. She will accept those additional hours for April. Kathie also told of the General Election Competition sponsored by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst from April 9 through November 5, 2008. Medium clubs like ours have the opportunity to win a \$1000 first place prize. The competition Award will be presented on Legislative Day.
- Legislation: Ruby Cubley from BARW announced that Harris County Republican Party would open a Victory 2008 campaign office in the Bay Area. On Saturday May 17th there will be a statewide block walk.
- Victory 2008: Bonnie Wilson said that there will be an organizational meeting next month and to watch for emails for volunteer needs.
- Community Outreach: Bettie Suaguee asked for donations for our scholarship that will be given to a graduate of Devereux. She passed around a basket for donations. Roxanna said that those who gave cash would need to fill out a donation form.
- By-laws: Carole Ragland presented the membership with the following two changes that will be voted on at our August meeting so that our by-laws can be submitted to TFRW by the October 31 deadline:

Article IV – Membership, Section 2. Active Member (adding the words in red)

To be eligible to vote in club elections, a member must have paid her dues at least 30 days prior to the election and must have attended at least one meeting.

Article VII – Dues Section 2. Membership Dues (striking through and adding words in red)

The membership dues shall be \$10 above TFRW and NFRW dues each year, payable January 1, and shall be delinquent March 1. For those joining in October, November, or December, dues for the remainder of the year shall be \$5.00 above TFRW and NFRW dues., **dues shall be applied to the following year.**

- Ways and Means: Barbara Meeks, substituting for Benny Cheney, said that she had coffee mugs and McCain pins for sale.

May Minutes, continued



Special Committee Reports

- Directory Chairman: Teri Goodman said that the directory would be ready at the August meeting.
- ICM TREE: Diane reminded us of the ICM Christmas tree and to look for items on our summer travels.

Old Business

Diane said that there are eight members who will attend TFRW's Tribute to Women luncheon on June 13 at the Texas Republican State Convention. Checks and forms were sent to the TFRW chairman on Tuesday.

New Business:

Diane said that TFRW encourages clubs to support women candidates who are members of their clubs and that the CCRW board recommended that we make a monetary donation to Constable Pam Matranga's campaign fund in the amount of \$100 to help defray expenses. Bonnie Wilson moved that CCRW give candidate, Constable Pam Matranga \$100. Barbara Meeks seconded and the motion passed.

Diane said that the CCRW board also recommended that we make a monetary donation to help re-elect the Honorable Cheryl Johnson who is running in a contested countywide election for Galveston County Tax Assessor/Collector. Due to the fact that this race is contested and county wide, the Board recommends that our Club donates \$300 to help defray expenses. Norma Byous made a motion that CCRW give Cheryl Johnson \$300. Bonnie Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements:

- Diane reminded everyone to vote in the City's General Election. Early voting continues today, tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday. Election Day is Saturday, May 10. Voting information is on the white board.
- Diane said that there would be training for delegates and alternates to the state convention at three different locations hosted by Senate District 11 State Republican Executive Committee Members, Kathy Haigler and Dennis Paul. Delegates and alternates should have received her email detailing the dates, places and times. A copy of the flyer on the white board.
- Diane announced that there is a sign up sheet to volunteer to register voters on May 24th at the Randall's in South Shore. She asked if members are a volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar to please make an effort to work a few hours. She passed out a sign up sheet.
- Diane said that there would also be an opportunity to register voters at the Texas Music Festival held next weekend, May 9-11 in League City at the park. Roxanna Lewis spoke about the booth that the Galveston County Republican Party will have. Cheryl Johnson said that she has bought a canopy and tables and that we could use them at events to register voters.
- New members were asked to stay today for a short informal orientation regarding our club and committees.
- Diane thanked Esteban's for the wonderful lunch.
- Diane announced that our next meeting will be at Esteban's on Friday, August 1 and that CCRW does not meet in June and July.
- Cheryl Johnson told of her tax classes and of the Tax Freedom Day celebration May 8th. Paul Bettencourt and Allen Fletcher, the newly elected State Representative from District 130, will be there. One of the auction items will be a weekend at the Trube Castle in Galveston. She will have another event at the Haak Winery on May 30th.
- Debbie Lindemann from BARW announced that the speaker for their meeting would be the Harris County Sheriff Department.
- Kathy Rogers said Galveston County Republican Party Chairman John LeCour, would be the May 22nd speaker at Friendswood RW. They will meet at Ziti's Restaurant in Friendswood.

Following the announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Nenninger,
Recording Secretary

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.