

Clear Creek Republican Women



"...the new stars on the horizon."

October 2008 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



I hope this letter finds everyone back in town and safe. Ike's damage was devastating to some areas and I have yet to talk to anyone who was not affected one way or another by the storm. Certainly, there will be better days ahead if we can just get through this most difficult time.

The Galveston County Republican Headquarters is open for business and volunteers are especially needed at this time with so many people busy with after Ike cleanup. If you can spare some time, please make your way to the Headquarters.

The "official" grand opening of our local GOP headquarters has been scheduled for Saturday October 4th from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m.

Everyone must be so excited about the energy that Governor Sarah Palin has brought to the Republican ticket. She is like a breath of fresh air and will most definitely shake up Washington when she arrives as Vice President along with President John McCain. They are being called the "team of mavericks" who will change Washington and I believe they will.

I hope all of you will be able to attend our Victory 2008 luncheon event October 3 at South Shore Harbour Country Club. The Texas Victory 2008 chairman, Roger Williams, should motivate us to get our Galveston County candidates elected and send McCain and Palin to Washington. See you then!

Diane Gillette, President

October 3rd Program

The Honorable Roger Williams, Chairman of Texas Victory 2008 and TFRW President Toni Anne Dashiell will be the speakers at our October 3rd meeting.



Williams served as Texas Secretary of State from 2005 to 2008. He currently serves as Chairman of Texas Victory 2008, the coordinated, statewide Get-Out-The-Vote effort.

Dashiell's political involvement began in 1969 as a Teenage Republican. An active member of Kendall County RW Toni Anne has worked on many campaigns outside of her county, city and district



The Texas Victory 2008 program is sure to be motivating! Please join us at South Shore Harbour Country Club for the 11:30 social, buffet lunch and the Victory 2008 Program at noon.

Barbara Meeks, VP Programs

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October Event Calendar

Sept. 30: CCRW Board Meeting at the Galveston County GOP Headquarters in League City at 11:30am.
3: CCRW meets at South Shore Country Club, 4300 South Shore Blvd. Social/lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon.
4: GOP HQ Grand Opening Ceremony, 9:30-11am
6: Last day to register to vote in the November Election.
16: Republican Network at Peppers Restaurant along the frontage road of I-45 in League City at 7pm.
20: 1st day of Early Voting in the General Election.
22: Bay Area RW meets at Bailey's Grille, 2320 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook, at 11am.
23: Friendswood RW meets at Perry's Grille at 11:30
23: GOTV Rally, GC GOP HQ, time to be announced.
28: Last day to apply for Ballot By Mail.
31: Last day of Early Voting in the General Election.
Nov. 4: General Election Day!



Membership News

I hope all of you in CCRW are all right after the hurricane. If anyone needs some help, please let us know. League City didn't have as much damage as some cities in our area sustained.

Since our directory was printed, we have six new members. Four of them are full members, Tracy Oliver, Jacqueline Springer, Teri Tipton, and E'Lisa Trevino; the two associates are returning members, Larry Tobin and Kevin Walsh. We welcome all of you! We are so glad to have you in our club of friendly and, of course, active Republicans. You help make us stronger and better able to elect more good Republicans in November.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting at South Shore Harbour Country Club. It's going to be a great meeting!

Bettie Moss, Membership VP

Treasury Report

Current Balance \$ 3,031.27



Roxann Lewis, Treasurer

Headquarter Events

HQ Grand Opening will be Saturday, October 4th, from 9:30am to 11am. Special Guest will be **U.S. Representative and House Minority Leader, John Boehner (OH)**.

A Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Rally will be held October 23rd. Details to be announced.

The Party Office is located at 1100 Gulf Freeway Ste 104, League City, TX 77573. Telephone is 281-554-8888.

McCain - Palin Need Our Help!

The polls all show this election is in a dead heat, and we expect the polls to stay close until Election Day. That's why it's so important for you to get involved today. **This election will be won by turning out key voters all over the country.** You can help the McCain-Palin campaign win by taking 30 minutes out of your evening to make 20 calls for John McCain and Sarah Palin.

The Obama-Biden campaign has hired hundreds of paid staff and is spending millions of dollars bombarding undecided voters with advertisements filled with negative, misleading and false information about John McCain and Governor Palin. We need your help to combat this and get the truth out to these voters. **You are the most effective surrogate we have in this campaign.** By reaching out to undecided voters, one by one, you are taking a crucial step towards our victory.

In such a close election, taking 30 minutes to make 20 calls for John McCain and Governor Palin can make the difference. **Follow this link to make calls:**
www.JohnMcCain.com/PhoneBank



GCGOP News

As we all re-group and recover after Hurricane Ike, we have to refocus and remember what is at stake in this election. This election cycle has changed, just as our lives have changed after the devastation caused by "Ike". We can't allow that to stop our momentum as we push towards November 4th.

Our volunteers will be focusing on making phone calls to check on our Republican voters. While checking on the voters and giving them any assistance we can, we will be reminding them to vote "straight party ticket" on November 4th.

You may also help by calling your friends and neighbors to remind them to vote "straight party ticket" in the upcoming election. You may also help by coming by our headquarters to make these important calls. Also, please attend every event you possibly can between now and Election Day.

*Roxann Lewis,
Volunteer Coordinator*

October CCRW Birthdays

2	Marlene Manchaca
8	Virginia Dismukes
10	Nancy Murphy
20	Claudette Gage
21	Sarah Von Dran
28	Diane Kerkhove
29	Barbara Hogan



Happy Birthday Wishes to you!

Minutes from September 5th, 2008

President, Diane Gillette, called the September Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on September 1, 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 Cindy Seidensticker.



Diane asked the elected officials and candidates present to stand and introduce themselves. Nine guests were also introduced.

Diane introduced Vice President Programs, Barbara Meeks. Barbara introduced our guest speaker, Texas State Senator Mike Jackson.

The business meeting resumed.

The minutes from our August 1st meeting published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

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

Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- V. P. Membership: Bettie Moss stated that we have 57 full members and 48 associate members for a total of 105 members.
- V. P. Programs: Barbara Meeks announced that former Secretary of State and Texas Victory 2008 Chairman, Roger Williams will be speaking at our October meeting at South Shore Harbour Country Club. There will be a \$20 lunch buffet. TFRW President Toni Anne Dashiell will also be attending.

Committee Reports

- Campaign Activities: Kathie Nenninger announced that our members worked 578 volunteer hours for the month of August, an all time high. She encouraged other members who have not sent in their hours to do so.
- Legislation: Barbara Vollmer has agreed to take over this chairmanship.
- Victory 2008: Bonnie Wilson said that she is looking for locations to register voters. She asked members to take the packets that she has prepared to their churches to register voters. The cut off for mail in ballots is October 10th.
- Community Outreach: Tommye Randolph said that she and Diane Gillette attended Devereux's award banquet and Diane presented our scholarship to the winner, Sergio Vasquez. She said that he was so surprised. There were 14 graduates. Tommye asked us to start saving 2009 calendars for Devereux.
- By-laws: Carole Ragland said she received a letter from TFRW and there were some additional corrections to our by-laws to be made. Carole presented these changes. Barbara Meeks moved to accept these changes as presented and Sarah Von Dran seconded the motion. The motion passed. Carole will submit the revised by-laws to TFRW.

September Minutes cont'd

Special Committees

- Nominating Committee: Diane introduced our nominating committee, Carole Ragland, Betty Suagee and Catharin Lewis. Diane thanked the committee and said the election of 2009 officers will be held at our October meeting. Betty Suagee presented the slate of officers: President, Barbara Meeks; Vice President Membership, Sarah Von Dran; Vice President Programs, Shirley Hendrickson; Recording Secretary, Kathie Nenninger; Corresponding Secretary, Benny Cheney; and PAC Treasurer, Roxann Lewis. Diane said that we would also accept nominations from the floor in October.

Old Business

- Diane announced that she has 2008 NFRW/TFRW membership cards for full members whose dues were paid by March.

New Business

- Roxanna Lewis, Volunteer and Events Coordinator for the Galveston County Republican Headquarters, announced that there will be a Grand Opening on September 29th. She said that she is in need of more volunteers. Students from Texas A & M Galveston have volunteered to block walk the county. GCRP is in the process of preparing a single handout with all of our candidates listed.

Announcements:

- Diane Gillette thanked Estebans' for the lunch.
- Diane Gillette said that the Greater Houston Council meeting would be held on September 16th at 9:30 am at Compass Bank in Houston. Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright will be the speaker. All members are welcome to attend.
- Kevin Walsh stated that Galveston County Commissioners' Court increased taxes at the last meeting.
- Diane reminded members that our next meeting would be on October 3rd at South Shore Harbour Country Club with special guest, Texas Victory 2008 Chairman, Roger Williams.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shirley Hendrickson for
Kathie Nenninger, Secretary*

Words of Wisdom

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

~ Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

~ Pericles (430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

~Mark Twain (1866)

Member Care



Our thoughts and prayers are with those who had damage from the ravages of Hurricane Ike. At press time, we know that Benny Cheney and Almeda Wallingford suffered serious damage.

Please remember our TFRW friends in Galveston as they finally get to assess their situation.

If you know of someone who is in need, even just a note of cheer or well wishes, please let me know. My email is nbbyous@verizon.net.

*Norma Byous,
Corresponding Secretary*

Candidate Spotlight on:

14th Court of Appeals
Chief Justice Adele Hedges



Justice Hedges began her legal career as an attorney with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski and has had a varied career in both business law and litigation.

Justice Hedges graduated with a bachelor's degree in French from University of Houston. She earned her master's and doctorate degrees in French literature from Rice University, and taught French at Rice and at San Jacinto College. She graduated from University of Houston College of Law with highest honors after having served as Articles Editor of the Law Review and a member of the State Moot Court team.

In the Houston Bar Association's 2008 Judicial Candidate Qualification Poll, Justice Hedges out-ranked her opponent by more than four to one on the question of who is either Qualified or Well Qualified for the position of Chief Justice.

Justice Hedges also won the State Bar of Texas' 2008 Judicial Poll, 63% to 37%.

Justice Hedges has long been active in her community. She has served on countless civic boards and associations including the Alley Theater, the Symphony League and the Garden Club of Houston.

Chief Justice Hedges, a fourth generation Texan, is a native of Orange, Texas. Her husband, Dan Hedges, is a name partner of the Houston law firm Porter and Hedges, served as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas from 1981-1985. They have one son, Clinton, who is 25 years old and working in the legal field in Houston. They are active members of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Houston.



CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE!

The October 3rd meeting of CCRW will be held at **South Shore Harbour Country Club**, and is \$20 per person. Special Guests are Hon. Roger Williams and TFRW Pres. Toni Anne Dashiell.

SSHCC is located AT 4300 South Shore Boulevard in League City, between FM 518 and FM 2094, near Ferguson Elementary School.

Ways and Means

We hope to have McCain-Palin pins for purchase at the luncheon! The price will be reasonable.

November will be the last opportunity to get Christmas pins and Republican gifts for friends and family. Hurry, the supply is limited!

Benny Cheney, Ways and Means



CCRW Officers

President.....Diane Gillette 713-893-4243
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Secretary.....Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418
PAC Treasurer.....Roxann Lewis 281-557-8060
Corresponding Secretary.....Norma Byous 281-332-4681
Immediate Past Pres...Cindy Seidensticker 281-332-6596

CCRW Committees

By Laws.....Carole Ragland 281-316-9342
Campaign Activities.....Kathie Nenninger 281-334-4418
Chaplain.....Celia Mabry 281-482-8139
Community Outreach....Tommye Randolph 281-316-9342
 Betty Suagee 281-332-2925
Hospitality.....Sarah Von Dran 281-797-5990
 Betty Suagee 281-332-2925
Legislation.....Barbara Vollmer 291-332-9398
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Ways and Means.....Benny Cheney 281-538-1467

Special Committees

ICM Tree.....Sylvia Jackson 281-332-7777
Gifts.....Benny Cheney 281-538-1467
Victory 2008.....Bonnie Wilson 281-332-8039
Voter Registration.....Roxann Lewis 281-557-8060

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