

Clear Creek Republican Women



December 2008 Newsletter

Barbara Meeks, Editor

From the President



What a busy time we've just come through with all the rallies, block walking, phone banks, campaigning, "Ike", elections, Victory parties, etc. We should all feel very proud of the work we did to help our Galveston County Republican candidates get elected.

I know all of you were disappointed over the outcome of the Presidential election, but as Americans and Patriots, I believe we should respect our newly elected President and pray that he makes the right decisions for all Americans.

Speaking of Presidents, since this will be my last letter to write as your President, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and kindness over the last two years. I cherish the new friendships and look forward to continuing working and supporting our candidates who run for office and helping our club to grow and remain strong.

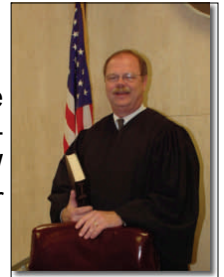
Be sure and make your reservation and attend our Christmas meeting and luncheon on December 4 at the lovely Butler's Courtyard in League City. The highlight of the meeting is the installation of our incoming officers for 2009. Come have fun, enjoy a delicious lunch, and relax. You deserve it!

I'll see you on the 4th.

Diane Gillette, President

December 4th Program

The Honorable Lonnie Cox, Judge of the 56th District Court, will conduct the installation of the CCRW Officers for 2009 at our December 4th meeting.



This December 4th meeting is our Annual Christmas Membership Social and Installation of Officers. The prize for our Membership Drive will also be awarded to the winner.

Please note the change in date and location for this meeting! December 4th is the first **Thursday** of the month. The event will be held at Butler's Courtyard, 122 Michigan Avenue in the League City Historic District.

It is important that you RSVP before December 1st with Diane Gillette, 713-893-4243. Cost of the lunch will be \$20 per person. Please join us at 11:30am, to say "Thank You" to the outgoing officers, and to help welcome the new officers!

Barbara Meeks, VP Programs

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December Event Calendar

2: CCRW Board Meeting at the Galveston County GOP Headquarters in League City at 11:30am.

3: BARW Egnog Party, at the home of Sandy Vail.

4: CCRW Christmas Social, 11:30am, Butler's Courtyard, 122 Michigan. RSVP 713-893-4243 before 12/1.

4, 11, 18: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets weekly at 11:30am at Gaido's, Seawall at 39th.

5: Friendswood Republican Women Christmas Party at the home of Chris and Jackie Peden.

9: Sandpiper Republican Women meeting at the home of Barbara Hogan.

17: Galveston Republican Women, installation of Officers by TFRW SD17 Director, Linda Hancock, 11:30am, at the home of Sally Prill.

25: Merry Christmas To All!

Jan 1, 2009: Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2009!

Nov 12-15: TFRW Biennial Convention, Galveston, TX



Membership News

Our CCRW membership totals 118 for the year 2008, which is the most members we've ever had! CCRW began in 2000 with 19 full charter members, three dual members and 10 associate members. Thank you all for your assistance in increasing our membership so much this year!

With 2009 coming soon, we will begin anew collecting dues at our Christmas party on December 4th at Butler's Courtyard. Let's help our new VP/Membership Sarah Von Dran get a good start on membership for the new year by all of us renewing our dues at that time. The cost is \$25 for full membership and \$10 for associate membership.

You may fill out your 2009 Membership Application, on page 6 of this newsletter, and bring it with you to the Christmas party.

I've enjoyed being your Membership Vice President for the past two years and wish Sarah all the best in 2009. Merry Christmas to all of you!

Bettie Moss, Membership VP

Treasury Report



Current Balance is \$2,480.68

*Roxann Lewis,
Treasurer*

Calendars for Devereux!



Please remember to bring 2009 calendars (non-spiral bound) to our December 4th meeting! Each year CCRW collects calendars, to be given as gifts to the students at Devereux at Christmas.

Usually hobby stores have excellent prices on calendars suitable for both boys and girls.

This is our LAST CHANCE to bring them before the Devereux Christmas Party! Your participation is really appreciated!

New Officers for 2009

Officers for 2009 were elected at the October 3rd meeting, and will be installed at the December 4th meeting. Please plan to attend the installation on December 4th!

President:	Barbara Meeks
1st VP Membership:	Sarah Von Dran
2nd VP Programs:	Shirley Hendrickson
Recording Secretary:	Kathy Nenninger
Corresponding Sec.:	Benny Cheney
PAC Treasurer:	Roxann Lewis

Thank you ladies for your willingness to take on the task!

Outgoing CCRW Officers

A hearty "Thank You" goes out to these ladies for the incredible job that they have done!

President:	Diane Gillette
VP Membership:	Bettie Moss
VP Programs:	Barbara Meeks
Secretary:	Kathie Nenninger
Corresponding Sec:	Norma Byous
PAC Treasurer:	Roxann Lewis will continue to serve in this capacity!

December CCRW Birthdays

5	Marian Meeks
9	Shirley Hendrickson
10	Bertha Adams
19	Kerry Neves
20	Keri Bradley
21	Lonnie Cox
26	Vickie Jackson
26	George Marcom
31	Jacqueline Springer



Happy Birthday Wishes to each of you!

Minutes from November 7th 2008



President, Diane Gillette, called the November Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on November 7, 2008 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Shirley Hendrickson led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Bettie Moss.

Diane recognized Roxann Lewis, Carole Alexander, Norma Byous, Tommye Randolph and all those who worked at the headquarters and the campaigns.

Diane introduced the elected officials and candidates. Diane congratulated everyone.

Guests were introduced.

Diane introduced Vice President Programs, Barbara Meeks. Barbara introduced our guest speaker, Termit Watkins. Termit gave an update on the movie about his book, and told us he had high hopes that his young boxer, Naja Ali would soon be in the US.

The business meeting resumed.

The minutes from our October 3rd meeting published in the newsletter were amended to state that there were 56 full members and 51 associate members and were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's Report was not published in the newsletter.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

- V. P. Membership: Bettie Moss stated that we have 60 full members and 52 associate members. She thanked County Commissioner Ken Clark who had donated an overnight stay at South Shore Harbour Hotel and Resort for the winner who brought in the most new members.
- Vice President Programs: Barbara Meeks announced that the December meeting would be held on Thursday December 4th at Butler's Courtyard. The cost of the lunch is \$20. The Honorable Lonnie Cox will do the Installation of Officers.
- PAC Treasurer: Roxann Lewis said that we had a beginning October balance of \$3131.27 with \$567.59 in expenditures for October giving us a current balance of \$2563.68.

Committee Reports:

- **Campaign Activities:** Diane Gillette reported for Kathie Nenninger that our members worked almost 950 hours in October thus far.
- **Political Action:** Roxann Lewis, Volunteer and Events Coordinator for the Galveston County Republican Headquarters, said that every effort would be made to keep the Headquarters open until Lincoln Dinner. She stated that over 4000 calls were made in the last week of the campaign. She thanked everyone for their help. Diane commented on the excellent location of the headquarters.

November Minutes cont'd

- Victory 2008: Bonnie Wilson thanked everyone for helping with the campaign and election. She complimented Barbara Meeks on the outstanding candidate guide.
- Community Outreach: Tommye Randolph stated that she needs 2009 calendars brought to the December meeting for Devereux. She said that they often come in the mail or can be purchased at Dollar Tree for \$1.
- Ways and Means: Benny Cheney said that they were having an "end of the year" sale of jewelry. She also gave an update on her personal situation since the hurricane.

Special Committees:

- **ICM Tree:** Diane stated that the board had decided not to decorate a tree this year since the information was so late in coming. She said that there was only one day to decorate and that several people would be out of town. She said that CCRW would most likely want to participate next year.

Old Business:

- Diane congratulated and thanked those involved with the election and to Barbara Meeks, who published the Voters Guide. Diane also congratulated Galveston County Republican Party Chairman, John LeCour for preparing the mail out comparing Republican candidates to their opponents.

Announcements:

- Diane Gillette reported that County Commissioner Ken Clark stated that Joan Huffman (R) is in a runoff against Chris Bell and needs our help in winning the heavily Democrat district.
- Joanna Sharp thanked Carole Alexander, Carole Ragland and herself for working at the courthouse during the election.
- Diane Gillette asked members to save the date, Thursday December 4th for our Christmas Party and Installation of Officers for 2009 to be held at Butler's Courtyard in League City. This year's installing officer will be Judge Lonnie Cox.
- Bay Area Republican Women is hosting their annual eggnog Christmas party and membership drive on Wednesday, December 3rd from 11:30 am to 1:30pm. President Debbie Roan stated the event would be at the home of Sandy Vail in Bay Oaks. She invited everyone to attend.
- Diane thanked Esteban's for the lovely lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Ragland

for Kathie Nenner, Secretary

" To stand in silence when they should be protesting makes cowards out of men." ~ Abraham Lincoln

Clear Creek Republican Women in Pictures



Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2009 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.