# Clear Creek Republican Women



## August 2006 Newsletter

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## Cíndy's Sídelines



August – How could the end of summer be here so fast? What this means is that we need to get busy to elect good Republicans for Galveston County in November. It does not happen magically. We need a plan.

First, we need someone to step up and help organize a voter registration drive in the new subdivisions of our County.

Second, we should be planning a phone bank to help our candidates. That will mean someone needs to find a location from which to work or help us fund disposable cell phones to make those all important get-out-the-vote calls for our candidates.

If you don't think you have the energy for this task, just think of the alternative. Without us pushing, and pushing hard, we will have the liberal side of county calling the shots and controlling our state and national offices.

How about waking up on the day after the election and realizing that gay marriage, loss of religious liberties and the ACLU agenda is now in control, because we were too tired. If you can't face that scenario, then join us at the Fiesta Shack on August 4 at 11:30 to begin the fun and the work. Our liberties and freedom as we know them could be and at stake.

Come to the meeting and let's get to work!

Cíndy Seidensticker, President

## August 4th Program



The August 4th meeting of Clear Creek Republican Women will feature a discussion on the Clear Creek Drainage Project, which has been in the works for over 40 years.

Speaking in favor of the project will be its co-sponsors: Jeff Brennan, a Commissioner with Brazoria County Drainage District; David Randolph with the Harris County Flood Control District; and Mike Fitzgerald, Galveston County Engineer.

Don Johnson, a home owner who lives along Clear Creek and is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the project, will present the other view.

This is an important issue that affects us all AND it involves hundreds of millions of federal taxpayer money. Hope to see you there!

## Diane Gillette, VP Programs

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### Upcoming Events

August 1: CCRW Board Meeting, 11:30am County Annex August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Galveston Island Pachyderms, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30am.

**August 4: Clear Creek Republican Women** meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 11:30am social, meeting at 12 noon.

Aug 4 - 5: TFRW Exec. Committee/Board Meeting in Austin.

**August 14:** Second Monday Breakfast Club. Conservatives meet to discuss local politics. 7am at Kelley's in La Marque.

**Aug 17: Galveston County Republican Network** County Annex on Calder Road in League City. Social at 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

**Aug 23: Bay Area Republican Women,** meets at Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10am.

**Aug 24: Friendswood Republican Women** meets at Perry's Grille, 614 South Friendswood Drive, 11am.

**September 8:** First day to apply for Ballot by Mail.

**Sept 30:** TFRW Legislative Roundtable & GOTV Workshop.

October 10: Last day to register to vote. October 23: First day of Early Voting.

October 31: Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail.

**November 3:** Last day of Early Voting

November 7: GOP Wins Big in General Election!

## Treasury Report

Current Balances:

PAC Treasury \$ 1,935.51 Petty Cash 593.76 Total On Hand \$ 2,529.27



Glenda Barnes

## Membership Notes . . .

I am not sure about y'all, but my summer has been wonderful. We had a new grandchild and found out that our youngest son and his wife are expecting in December. Life is wonderful and we are truly blessed!

Now, it is time to get back into the swing of things regarding the Republican Party. Please call your friends and invite them to attend our upcoming meetings.

I need some volunteers to help call former members and past visitors to encourage them to attend our meeting and join us as members. We simply must stress how important this election cycle is not only statewide, but especially in Galveston County.

We have a very good chance to put additional conservative Republicans in office in Galveston County but it can only be done with your help.

Terí Goodman

## May 5th Minutes

Regretfully, minutes from the May 5th CCRW meeting were not available by press time.

**Editor** 

### GOTV '06

There are several upcoming GOTV Workshops for GOP activists, County Chairs, Precinct Chairs, Candidates and volunteers. Both will provide tools to target the Republican voter, set goals for each precinct, and successfully meet these goals. Register for either of these events at www.TFRW.org.

**TFRW** will present an event Saturday, August 4th at the Shoreline Grill in Austin. Registration opens at 9am and the workshop starts at 9:30a.m. Lunch will be on your own. A Legislative Roundtable will follow at 1:30pm. Cost is \$10.

**TFRW and Collin County GOP** will present a GOTV workshop at the Southfork Hotel in Plano September 30. \$10 fee. An optional noon Fundraiser Lunch and panel discussion costs \$40. A Legislative Roundtable follows at 1:30pm.

## GOP News bits:

Carole Strayhorn's recent campaign report shows receipt of nearly \$2 million from personal injury trial lawyers, some of whom have also given to Hillary Rodham Clinton and Ted Kennedy. Tobacco Five personal injury trial lawyers John Eddie Williams and Walter Umphrey each gave her \$250,000. She received numerous donations from other personal injury trial lawyers as well. It's not news that money talks with Strayhorn. In 2005, the Texas State Auditor's Office found she had taken nearly \$2 million in campaign contributions from the same entities that received over 3,000 tax refunds totaling over \$460 million from her agency.

#### **Pledge Protection Act Passed!**

Through the tireless effort of our Republican leaders, the U.S. House of Representatives this week passed the Pledge Protection Act of 2005. In 2002, the liberal activist judges of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in the case *Newdow v. U.S.*, banned the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools. Republicans introduced the Pledge Protection Act to prevent liberal activist judges from amending the Pledge of Allegiance or disallowing patriotic Americans from reciting the pledge in schools and at sporting events. The Pledge of Allegiance has a long-standing history in American culture, and thanks to House Republicans and their leadership in this effort, we can be sure that our Pledge of Allegiance will remain intact.

## August Bírthdays

August 7 Cynthia McIntyre

11 Terry Wilson

12 Diane Gillette

18 Margaret Christopher

29 Bettie Moss

31 Frances Nussbaum



Also, please extend very happy, albeit belated birthday wishes to those who celebrated their special day while we enjoyed summer break:

June: Celia Mabry, Greta Hockersmith, Barbara Nowlin and Barbara Vollmer.

July: Cindy Seidensticker, Kathie Nenninger, Carole Ragland, Kathy Haigler, Teri Goodman, Marge Jacobson, Mary Orsak and Kerri Taylor.

If we missed your birthday, please let me know so we can update our records and mention your special day next month!

Barbara Meeks, Editor

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Robin Armstrong, M.D. for his election to Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas during the State Convention in San Antonio in June.



Robin criss-crossed this great state of ours, and visited with hundreds, perhaps thousands of Republicans. Robin's hard work is proof that grassroots campaigning still works!

Robin will work just as hard this fall as he travels to contested race areas as he helps elect Republican candidates.

## Community Volunteer Hours

Hopefully, you have been keeping track of the time you spend in our community in various service capacities. Volunteer tracking sheets were available at the May meeting, and may be brought to the meeting on August 4th.

If you do not have a tracking sheet, simply write down the dates and hours you volunteered, as well as the name of the organization.

Such hours could include time you devote to Scout troops, local service projects, community outreach or helping at special events. CCRW will compile these hours and use them in an application for a TRW award!

## Community Outreach

Calling all crafters! Do you have any unfinished projects? Do you have a surplus of arts and crafts supplies? Or maybe you are cleaning out your

closets? If so....please bring these unused yet valuable supplies to our meeting so that we can pass them along to the youth at Devereux. They will be appreciative!

## Campaign News

Several events will take place this fall, and your time and energies are needed to help represent the Republican Party! We also hope to have a phone bank as election time draws near, so there will be ample opportunities for you to help elect Republicans! Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- Hitchcock Good Ole Days, August 11-12
- League City Oak Tree Festival, September 23-24
- Republican Round Up, date to be announced

## Campaign Volunteer Hours

Please report volunteer hours to Donna Maloney each month! Count the hours you spend block walking, election work, and working phone banks. Call 281-535-0400 or e-mail d.l.maloney@netzero.net.

## CCRW Officers

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Directory	Carole Ragland, 281-332-3154
Gifts/Remembrances	Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418

## Legislative Update

**AUSTIN** - Gov. Rick Perry has announced the completion of Operation Laredo, a multi-agency border security operation to target international criminal enterprises and reduce crime and violence in a five-county region along the Texas-Mexico border. Across the five counties, which included Duvall, Jim Hogg, LaSalle, Webb and Zapata counties, law enforcement officials report a 65 percent to 75 percent reduction in all crimes.

The operation brought together the sheriffs from the five counties, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas National Guard, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Civil Air Patrol, the Texas National Guard and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

WASHINGTON DC - Cornyn Seeks White House Support For Emergency Border Security Funding Measure U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, Chairman of the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee, and U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl, Chairman of the Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee, on Monday, July 24, 2006 requested the President's support for an emergency border security and immigration enforcement supplemental appropriation in order to fully fund enforcement priorities that Congress has authorized.

"While I'm still very much committed to a comprehensive immigration reform bill, I believe that for the legislative process to move forward, the White House and the Congress must restore public confidence in the government's ability - and will - to enforce the immigration laws," Sen. Cornyn said. "It is for this reason that we are seeking the President's support for a supplemental, and we are hopeful that it will re-energize discussions between all parties in our effort to reach a compromise on this very important issue."

**WASHINGTON** - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, announced that the Senate has passed the Child Custody Protection Act, of which she is a co-sponsor. The act makes it a federal crime to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion in order to avoid a state's parental notification laws. "The laws of many states are designed to protect the rights of minors and their parents, and this act ensures that such laws are not circumvented by crossing state borders."

Kathie Nenninger



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