

Clear Creek Republican Women



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From the President



I know that our hot summer is not over. In fact, I laughingly recall a cartoon that celebrated Labor Day because it marked the middle of summer in Houston.

We still have "hot" issues to deal with. I am a self-professed news-a-holic but everywhere that I turn, I am inundated with an update about "Cindy" in Crawford, TX. I like so many, feel compassion for her for the loss of her son while serving in Iraq. War is horror. "Cindy's" efforts to undermine support for our troops and the fight against terrorism with the "Blame America First" crowd gets no support from me.

I represent a different point of view. Having been a military family for 21 years, I have seen the devastating effects of war on soldiers and their families. My husband and I were married knowing that in a few weeks he would leave for Viet Nam.

News stories are written about such couples these days as if they were heroes. To us, it was duty to country. We didn't have the constant barrage of journalists or photographers standing next to our military, reporting what they wanted people to hear rather than truth. My faith and our letters written daily kept us connected. I had to ignore the "Cindys" of the time.

The Iraq war is much more sophisticated and our purpose is clear. Our country's military has given freedom to the people of Iraq and has shown the terrorists that their ways are not tolerated in our world. We will not forget the destruction of 9/11 and what was done on our soil. Putting our heads in the sand and not encouraging countries to forge ahead with democratic elections, does not in any way guarantee that our soil will not be again touched in the future.

There is a national movement called "You don't speak for me, Cindy!" from Move America Forward. They are caravanning from all over the country and feature military family members who have loved ones serving in the war against terrorism in Iraq or Afghanistan. The rally, August 27th in Crawford is called "We support our troops and their mission". They hope to let the leftist and media know that America loves this President and our military. Please fly your American flag in support of our military heroes. Come to our meeting and bow your heads in memory of those who sacrificed on that fatal day 9/11 and bless the men and women who are insuring that it won't ever happen again.

See you at Esteban's!

Kathie

September 2nd Meeting

With the upcoming Constitutional Election just a few months away, you will not want to miss this month's CCRW meeting! This is a great opportunity to learn how the proposed changes to the Constitution will affect our lives.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday September 2nd at Esteban's Fiesta Shack. Social at 11:30 a.m, optional fajita lunch and meeting with program at noon.

Katie Benoit

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Upcoming Events



September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Galveston Island Pachyderm, meets weekly at Gaidos, 3800 Seawall Blvd; 11:30a.m.
September 2: CCRW Meeting, Fiesta Shack, 11:30a.m.
September 8-11: NFRW 33rd Biennial Convention will be held in Nashville, TN.
September 17: Galveston County Republican Roundup, at the League City SportsPlex, I-45 at Hwy 96.
September 21: Bay Area Republican Women, Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA One, 10a.m.
September 21: Galveston Republican Women, Landry's, Seawall at 53rd Street; 11:30am. Reservations 409-945-3938.
September 22: Friendswood Republican Women, Perry's Grille, 614 South Friendswood Drive; 11a.m.
September 24-25: Republican Party of Galveston County Booth at the League City Oak Tree Festival.
September 27: Sandpiper Republican Women, Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road; 11:45a.m. State Representative Larry Taylor will be the guest speaker.
November 11-13: TFRW 25th Biennial Convention will be held in Corpus Christi.

Membership Notes . .

CCRW continues to grow! Please welcome new Associate Members David Mendel and Judge Miles Whittington.

Teri Goodman

From The Treasurer

Petty Cash	\$ 520.75
Checking	1,757.67
Total	\$ 2,278.42



Darlene Anene

August Meeting Minutes

President Kathie Nenninger called the Meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Bonnie Wilson gave the invocation and those present pledged their allegiance to the American and Texan flags.



Vice President of Membership Teri Goodman introduced the elected officials and the candidates. President Nenninger introduced the guests. Vice President of Programs Katie Benoit introduced speaker Tim Turner, with the Texas State Medical Board. His topics included several healthcare issues and Tim informed the group of opportunities to serve on state boards and commissions.

President Nenninger resumed the meeting. There were no corrections to the May minutes and they stood approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was approved as published and will stand for audit. Membership Chair Teri Goodman introduced two new Associate Members, David Mendel and Judge Miles Whittington. Katie Benoit announced there will be a SURPRISE speaker at our September Meeting. Cindy Seidensticker requested volunteer hours for July be E-mailed to her.

Cindy Seidensticker made a motion to appoint Benny Cheney, Donna Maloney and Katie Benoit to the Nominating Committee. Motion was seconded by Barbara Meeks and carried.

Announcements were made including The Galveston County Republican Roundup, September 17, League City Sportsplex; Congressman Ron Paul Texas BBQ and Bash, August 27, 1-4PM, K C Hall, Alvin, tickets \$10.00; Tri-County Republican Women 9th Annual Silver Bells Luncheon, November 6th at Golfcrest Country Club; tickets \$35.00.

Commissioner Ken Clark invited everyone to a luncheon welcoming U. S. Congressman Ron Paul, 14th Congressional District; August 25th at Barcenas Restaurant in Friendswood.

President Nenninger adjourned the Meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Norma Byous, Secretary

Republican Round-Up!



The Republican Roundup is just around the corner! Come join the fun on Saturday, September 17th at the League City Sportsplex. Enjoy great BBQ, bid on terrific auction items and meet/greet Republican candidates! Volunteers are always welcome to help! Please contact Bonnie Wilson, 281-332-8039 or wilsonterry@earthlink.net.

A Word on School Finance



It is important for people to remember that democrats, in power for over 100 years, passed Robin Hood as a "Temporary Fix" and NEVER came back to solve the problem. I guarantee this won't take us 14 years.

Larry Taylor

State Representative, District 24

Ron Paul Texas BBQ



On Saturday August 27th Congressman Ron Paul will host the **2005 Texas BBQ and Bash** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Alvin from 1-4pm for music, fun, and auction items! Donations: Adults \$10, Children \$5, Families \$30. For more information, call 1-800-RON PAUL.

September Birthdays

This month we wish Happy Birthday to:

Cheryl Johnson	September 7
Kelly Douglas	September 8
Billie Brown	September 18
Almeda Wallingford	September 18
Laurie Hembree	September 23



Note: If your special day is not listed, please accept my apology and let me know so you can be included!

Barbara Meeks, Editor

Helping Americans Vote

A Guest Column by County Commissioner Ken Clark

Galveston County received \$1.4 million from the State to implement the Federal mandate known as Help Americans Vote Act ("HAVA"). The County must implement the provisions of HAVA by January 1, 2006. All public entities are required to comply with HAVA, i.e., cities, M.U.D.s, school boards and water districts.

We are looking at putting one Direct Recording Device ("DRE") for handicapped and disabled voters in each voting precinct, along with an e-scan Ballot Box which will tabulate votes at each precinct. By combining these tools, we can still vote on paper ballots (to maintain a paper trail) while using technology, which will give us election results earlier.

This new voting system will require additional paid training from the County Clerk for election workers to administer the election and operate the DRE's, and may even change the procedures for running the election, such as polling place set-up and removal, and possibly combined primaries.

We are finalizing the selections of these voting options now and hope to have a new system in place for the November 2005 constitutional election, and fully operational for the March 2006 primaries. If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact my office so we can put you on the list to be notified.

Support the Troops

The Department of Defense has created a website www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil. Visit the website and read about the many ways communities across America are uniting to support the men and women of the military.



You may also send a message to our troops and review information on how to develop your own support program.

CCRW Outreach Projects:

Books for Devereux are still needed, especially Number 11, in the Left Behind series. If you have a copy to donate, it would bring joy to the students and the completion of the set in their library. Please bring them to our September meeting.

Clear Creek is our city's #1 asset and we can help our club's namesake! We will leave from Walter Hall Park boat ramp at 9am on Saturday, September 17th for a boat tour and to remove trash from the shore.



Refreshments will be served. See Barbara Meeks for details.

Campaigns

WE CAN make a difference! CCRW members reported nearly 300 campaign volunteer hours for July! It is vitally important that you keep track of your volunteer hours! This will help elect Republican friends AND help CCRW qualify for awards! Submit campaign hours to Cindy Seidensticker either by phone, 281-332-6596, or by email to Seidenstic@aol.com.



CCRW Officers

President.....	Kathie Nenninger, 281-334-4418
VP Membership.....	Teri Goodman, 281-334-5304
VP Programs.....	Katie Benoit, 281-554-2352
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PAC Treasurer.....	Darlene Anene, 281-334-2785
Corresponding Secretary.....	Barbara Vollmer, 281-332-9398

CCRW Committees

Awards.....	Tommye Randolph, 281-316-9342
By-Laws.....	Catharin Lewis, 281-332-1644
Campaigns.....	Cindy Seidensticker, 281-332-6596
Chaplin.....	Shirley Hendrickson, 281-316-6929
Community Outreach.....	Tommye Randolph, 281-316-9342
Historian.....	Pam Kinser, 281-334-0987
Hospitality.....	Diane Gillette, 281-224-6159
	Marge Jacobson, 281-334-1447
Legislation.....	Debbie Lindemann, 281-218-9724
Newsletter.....	Barbara Meeks, 281-316-2057
Parliamentarian.....	Constable Pam Matranga, 281-534-3794
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Ways and Means.....	Tracy Oliver, 281-481-9393
	Cynthia McIntyre, 832-444-1736

Special Committees

TFRW Legislative Day.....	Patsy Yokum, 281-992-9647
ICM Tree.....	Phyllis Molnar, 281-291-9655
Directory.....	Shirley Hendrickson, 281-316-6929
Book Reviews.....	Kathy Rogers, 281-482-3610



Legislative Update

AUSTIN – State Rep Joe Nixon (Houston) accepted a comprehensive study of 2003’s House Bill 4 and Proposition 12 issued by the Texas Tech Law Review. “I salute the Texas Tech Law Review and the researchers for the time and attention they invested in this project to examine the landmark reforms we passed in 2003,” Rep. Nixon said. The Texas Alliance for Patient Access reports that lawsuit filings in most Texas counties have been cut in half since the passage of the 2003 reforms. That’s great news for Texas doctors – and Texas patients.

AUSTIN – Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs has launched Hometown STARS (Supporting Tourism and Rural Success). The matching fund reimbursement program is designed to help leverage the dollars available to rural communities to promote local tourism events, in turn boosting local economies and attracting new jobs and dollars. For program information and applications, see www.TexasYes.org.

WASHINGTON DC – House Majority Leader Tom DeLay recently acknowledged that the basing of twelve Predator drones to Ellington Field will create hundreds of excellent, high-tech opportunities for Air National Guardsmen at Ellington, and it will ensure Ellington Field and the Guard remain vibrant, irreplaceable parts of life in this community. The Predators based at Ellington will provide the Guard an invaluable location to train and exercise with the planes for potential deployment elsewhere in support of our war on terror. What's more, the Guardsmen who do get this training will be able to help our global efforts from here at Ellington. The Guardsmen here will be learning to fight a global, 21st century war, and helping our nation to win it.

WASHINGTON DC—U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) recently addressed members of the University of Texas Board of Regents and representatives of the University of Texas Medical Branch at the Galveston National Lab Groundbreaking Ceremony. Sen. Hutchison was a leader in helping secure the federal contract for the UTMB lab. When the lab is finished, it will be one of the most sophisticated biomedical research facilities in the world and a key part of the NIH bio-defense program.

Debbie Lindemann



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Truth is such a rare thing, it is delightful to tell it.

~Emily Dickinson