

Clear Creek Republican Women



“...the new stars on the horizon.”

February 2004 Newsletter

Cheryl E. Johnson, Editor
clearcreekrw@yahoo.com

February 6th Meeting

February's meeting will be a question and answer forum for the Galveston County Republican Party Chair candidates. The County Party Chair is responsible for the grassroots efforts for the Republican Party in the County. It is an elected position however, it is primarily a volunteer position with lots of work and little glory! The Chair accepts candidates' applications for office and is the local contact for the State Party. The position is also responsible for organizing the County Convention which are held after the March Primary. Our speakers will be current County Party Chair, Sandra Kelly, and candidate Chris Stevens.

Katie Benoit



From the President

Top Ten Things to Do this Election Year

Ever wonder what you can do to help a candidate? The following are just a few ideas of things that you can individually do to help elect a Republican. Remember, **WE** are the Grassroots!

1. Register 5 new Republican friends to vote. You can obtain voter registration forms from Kathy Rogers, our Voter Registration Chairman, the Galveston County Courthouse, or online from the Secretary of State.
2. Sign up 5 new Republican friends to join Clear Creek Republican Women. They will receive our most informative newsletter showcasing the political happenings around the county and announcements of our monthly meetings and speakers.
3. Volunteer for a local Republican campaign in our area so that we can continue to grow our Party. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any campaign! Contact your favorite candidate for information on ways that you might help.
4. Write letters to the editors of our local newspapers and call talk radio shows touting the tremendous accomplishments of Texas Republicans in 2003. The people of Texas can be proud of the work done by their elected GOP leaders.
5. Make a financial contribution to the candidates of your choice. Your generous donations will help keep Texas the

strongest Republican state in the nation in 2004.

6. Work for a candidate in *your* home on *your* time. Consider mailings, making signs or posters, telephoning for a candidate, baking for a campaign.
7. Keep good records of your time spent. Have your hours verified by the campaign, if possible.
8. Volunteer as an Election Judge, Clerk, or Poll Watcher for early voting or on Election Day.
9. Attend your precinct, county and state conventions.
10. TFRW note: Presidents and Campaign Activities Chairman are not permitted to work in nonpartisan as well as campaigns where there is more than one Republican in the race. Clubs may not endorse in the name of the club. Individual members may work for the Republican of their choice.

Kathie

CCRW Officers

President	Kathie Nenninger
VP Membership	Bonnie Wilson
VP Programs	Katie Benoit
Secretary	Benny Cheney
Corresponding Secretary	Madonna Crame
Treasurer	Darlene Anene
By-Laws	Catherine Lewis
Immediate Past President	Tommye Randolph

CCRW Committees

Legislative	Shirley Hendrickson
Campaigns	Cynthia Tauss
Parliamentarian	The Honorable Kathleen McCumber
Newsletter	Cheryl Johnson
Ways and Means	Norma Byous
Chaplin	Shirley Hendrickson
Historian	Pam Kinser
Publicity	Jane Couch
Awards	Linda Mahanay
Community Outreach	Madonna Crame
Hospitality	Celia Mabry
Web Site	Laurie Hembree
Telephone Committee	Almeda Wallingford
.....	Norma Byous
.....	Sylvia Jackson
.....	Niki Stevens
Voter Registration	Kathy Rogers

Calendar

Galveston County Young Republicans, February 2, 2004

Program: Precinct 8 Constable Debate

League City Annex, 174 Calder Road . Doors open at 6:30 pm, program begins at 7:00 pm

Galveston Island Pachyderm, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am



Clear Creek Republican Women, February 6, 2004

Speaker:

Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's Café & Cantina 11:30 am
Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting



CCRW Board Meeting, February 6, 2004

Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's, immediately preceding our regular meeting

CCISD Bond Election, February 7, 2004

Voting locations listed at www.ccisd.net.

BARW Lincoln Day Dinner, February 7, 2004

Speaker: US Senator John Cornyn

South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Boulevard, League City 7:00 pm

Galveston Republican Women, February 18, 2004

Landry's Seafood House 12:00 am

Republican Network, February 19, 2004

League City Annex, 174 Calder Road, League City, 7:00 pm

Primary Election Early Voting Begins February 23, 2004

Sandpiper Republican Women, February 24, 2004

Program: Galveston County Republican Chair Forum

Galveston Country Club 11:30 a.m. Reservations 409-741-1267

League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, February 24, 2004

Nessler Center, 2010 5th Avenue N, Texas City, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Bay Area Republican Women, February 25, 2004

Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Road One, 10:00 am



Clear Creek Republican Women Monthly Member and Board Meeting, March 5, 2004

Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's Café & Cantina



Money Matters

Beginning Balance	\$1,402.52
Expenses	447.40
Deposits	<u>716.00</u>
Balance January 2004	\$1,671.12

Darlene Anene



Legislation Watch

Since Congress has been in recess, there is little to report. The following may be of interest:

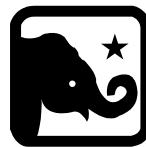
Thursday, January 22nd, was the 31st Anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in this country. Since the Roe vs. Wade decision, over 40 million babies

have died. This is a tragedy that can be stopped with diligence and determination. Let us continue that process by pressing our Legislators to stop abortion.

The Senate

The Senate returned on January 20th to face rising opposition to the Omnibus spending bill. The Omnibus bill is needed because Congress failed to pass 7 of the 13 spending bills needed to operate the government. When these seven were all combined together into the Omnibus bill, a tremendous amount of fat was included to win votes from various Senators and Congressmen. The bill is huge and contains such things as \$2 million for a golf program in St. Augustine, Florida to provide access for golf to everyone including kids; \$1.8 for a fruit laboratory in West Virginia; and money for a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, just to name a few. If this bill passes there will be an election year shift, with Democrats pointing to a "big government" Republican president backed by a "big spending" Republican Congress. Before this is passed some budget knives need to be taken to it. There are better uses for your tax dollars and mine.

Shirley Hendrickson



Campaigns

2004 Campaign Activities

Keep track of those campaign hours! CCRW is required to report club hours to TFRW quarterly. The total hours accumulated by TFRW Clubs every two years help to quantify our volunteerism to NFRW, elected officials, and the Republican Party of Texas. **And then of course, there is the thrill of winning a TFRW Campaign Activities Club Award!** Don't underestimate your hours, included below is a list of reportable activities.

1. Only count hours pertaining to non-paid political activities. Hours as Election Judge, Clerk, Poll Watcher count ONLY if pay is turned over to a county party, your local Federated Republican Women's Club, a candidate, or the TFRW PAC.
2. Include work done at home such as mailings, preparing campaign posters or signs, telephoning solicited by a candidate campaign, baking for a campaign, but not for club meetings.
3. Count hours spent working at a special event or organizing the event but NOT if you attend as a guest or if you are compensated for the event.
4. Count hours spent in session at Federation Board of Directors meetings and Federal Conventions also time spent in preparation of convention if on committee. You may include travel time.
5. Count hours spent in session at precinct, county/district or state party conventions. You may include travel time. NOTE: Please remember to attend your precinct convention.
6. You may count hours spent as members of county or state party committees—ONLY during scheduled meeting times. You may include travel time.
7. Count political work done at club meetings, i.e. driving a candidate, working on mailings, getting candidate petitions signed, etc. DO NOT count hours in regular meetings.
8. Volunteer hours done at county, state, or Federal headquarters may be counted BUT NOT for paid staff positions.
9. All hours volunteered at campaigns and at headquarters include portal to portal travel BUT NOT stops for personal errands.

10. County nonpartisan hours for known Republican candidates in city or school board elections.
11. Women candidates who are members of a club may count their campaigning as volunteer hours as long as no salary is accepted. A separate award will be given in this category at award events.
12. Male associate members may count volunteer hours and must follow the same rules which apply to regular members. Male candidates cannot count hours working on their campaigns.
13. A dual member's hours are only counted in her primary club.
14. Whenever possible, please have your hours verified and initialed by the campaign or headquarters. This will help determine where our hours are most utilized.
15. NOTE: Presidents and Campaign Activities Chairs are not permitted to work in nonpartisan as well as campaigns when there is more than one Republican in the race. Clubs may not endorse in the name of the club. Individual members may work for the Republican of their choice.

Cynthia Tauss



Membership Memo

I would like to extend a special welcome to our two newest members, Pam Matranga and Tracy Oliver. Welcome aboard! Also, a great big thanks to all who have renewed their membership. We have 28 full, 4 dual, and 4 associate members.

If you have not yet renewed, but are planning to renew, please do so this month if you would like to be in the 2004 CCRW address book. I would like to have it ready for everyone by the March 5th meeting. We only have 4 more meetings before the summer break. (My, how time flies when you're having fun.)

Keep inviting those friends and neighbors. Don't forget our goal is the big **50!**

Bonnie Wilson



Ways & Means

Please, everyone...Don't forget to vote! Tell your friends and neighbors, also! Thank you!

Norma Byous



Voter Registration

Voter Registrars

I encourage everyone to be "deputized" voter registrars. To be deputized, go to the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office in the County Courthouse in Galveston (not an Annex) and complete a form. Upon completion, you will receive a packet with instructions and forms (and we can use all the forms we can get!). VOTER REGISTRARS MUST RECERTIFY ANNUALLY! Let me know when you are deputized! Should anyone want to organ-

ize a 'road trip' to Galveston, be deputized, and have lunch, please contact me.

Voter Registration Locations

Suggestions would be appreciated for locations to register voters. Non-deputized people may assist deputies at booth locations, although they may not handle the forms. Ideally, two people should be on hand at all locations. When considering booth locations, think about attendance, for example, churches or schools during festivals, etc. Neither CCRW nor candidates may advertise at the booth and only Galveston County residents may be registered (forms may be provided to other county residents). Send suggestions to me at krogers@ghg.net. Please provide contact information as well as location ideas. Card tables, chairs, and (if in the sun) a canopy would be nice although not necessary.

Help Register Voters!

Non-deputized volunteers are needed to assist with voter registration at Friendswood High School during lunches during late January. Remember—voters must be registered **before February 6th** to vote in the primary election. Voters must be 18 years of age by March 2 in order to vote in the primary.



Announcements

League of Women Voters Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters of the Galveston Area will hold a candidate forum Tuesday, February 24, 2004, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Nessler Center, 2010 5th Avenue North, Texas City. Both contested and uncontested candidates for the Primary Election will attend. Please support your Republican candidates by attending and cheering them on!

Directions (from League City): Take I-45 South to Emmett Lowery Expressway which changes to Palmer Highway at SH 146. Continue eastbound to 21st Street North. Turn right onto 21st Street North and you will see Nessler Center on your left.

CCISD February 7 Voting Locations

Bay Elementary, 1502 Bayport, Seabrook; Harris County Precincts #90, #333 #377 #415, #692, #703

Clear Creek 9th Grade Center, 2451 East Main St, League City; Galveston County Precincts #452, #466, #467, #491, #492

Webster Intermediate, 400 South Walnut, Webster; Harris County Precincts #91, #728, #732, #749, #750

Space Center Intermediate, 17400 Saturn Lane, Houston; Harris County Precincts #174, #307, #745, #746, #748

Ward Elementary, 1440 Bouldercrest, Houston; Harris County Precincts #283, #393, #473, #535, #568, #699, #744

Clear Lake High School 9th Grade Center, 2903 Falcon Pass, Houston; Harris County Precincts #92, #306, #718, #721, #724

Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351, Friendswood; Harris County Precincts #417, #474, #475, #537, #545, #782

Brookside Intermediate, 3535 East Parkwood, Friendswood; Harris County Precincts #349, #378, #416, #655, #845, #850, #876

Ross Elementary, 2401 West Main Street, League City; Galveston County Precincts #220, #263, #286, #455, #461, #464, #471, #482, #487, #488

Hyde Elementary, 3700 FM 518 East, League City; Galveston County Precincts #165, #194, #196, #197, #453, #454, #470, #490, #493



Clear Creek Republican Women Galveston County, Texas

2430 Thorndon Park Court, League City, TX 77573
www/geocities.com/clearcreekrw
clearcreekrw@yahoo.com

...the new start on the horizon

Membership Application

New _____ Renew _____ Voting Precinct _____
Telephones: Home _____ Work _____
Cell _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Birthday _____

Member of another Republican Women's Club? ___Yes ___No

Name of club: _____

I would like to serve on the following committees:

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways and Means | <input type="checkbox"/> By Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | |

Name of Member Who Told you About CCRW: _____

Prior political affiliations: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Comments: _____

- | | |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Member | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member | \$10.00 |

Mail to: Bonnie Wilson, Membership, 2323 Hampton, League City, TX 77573

Membership dues are not tax deductible

Office Use: Date Paid: _____ Check number _____ Cash _____