

# Clear Creek Republican Women



“...the new stars on the horizon.”

## January 2004 Newsletter

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### January 9th Meeting

Superintendent of Clear Creek Independent School District Dr. Sandra Mossman will discuss the upcoming \$264 million school bond referendum. CCISD residents will vote on February 7, 2004, on a bond proposal that includes new schools, campus additions, land acquisitions, and many other items. If approved by voters, the bonds could add an estimated \$0.06 to the current tax rate. Dr. Mossman will soon celebrate one year as CCISD’s first female superintendent and is the first employee to rise through the ranks to take the reins of the District.

behind them. The very first election is only weeks away with the CCISD Bond Election. Get informed and make an educated decision about the issues.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. We all have a job to do and I mean that literally. If you have not already volunteered, your gifts and talents are needed. We are a TEAM and it takes the efforts of all in some small way to make a BIG difference.

Kathie



### From the President

“We got him!”

What wonderful words to our ears. Importantly, our military has liberated the people of Iraq. Freedom is something most of us take for granted. Having lived in Central America, experiencing a socialistic society, I can’t tell you how I missed having choices rather than having the government making the choices for you. Simple freedoms, like having the choice between two *different* cereals. I can only imagine the plight of the Iraqis not being able to express disagreement for fear of death to himself or a loved one. I am ecstatic at the thought of these people having choices in leaders. We have these choices but don’t always assert ourselves when it comes to voting.

### Off & Running

Campaigns and elections are upon us. It will be a BIG year! First and foremost, we will be working to see that George W. Bush is re-elected as our President. It only *begins* there. We have some fine people running for various positions in Galveston County and we must get

### CCRW Officers

- President .....Kathie Nenninger
- VP Membership .....Bonnie Wilson
- VP Programs.....Katie Benoit
- Secretary .....Benny Cheney
- Corresponding Secretary.....Madonna Crame
- Treasurer .....Darlene Anene
- 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

## Candidate Filing Party, January 2, 2004

County Annex, 174 Calder Road. 5:00 – 7:00 pm

## Galveston County Young Republicans, January 5, 2004

Program: Campaign Workshop

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



## Clear Creek Republican Women, January 9, 2004

Speaker: Dr. Sandra Mossman, Superintendent CCISD  
Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's Café & Cantina 11:30 am  
Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting



## CCRW Board Meeting, January 9, 2004

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

## Galveston Island Pachyderm, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2004

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am

## Republican Network, January 15, 2004 7:00 p.m.

Location TBA

## Galveston Republican Women, January 21, 2004

Landry's Seafood House 11:30 a.m.

## Sandpipers Republican Women of Galveston, January 27, 2004

Galveston Country Club 11:30 a.m. Lunch \$13, RSVP Rubye @ (409) 740-2650.

## Bay Area Republican Women, January 28, 2004

Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Road One



## Clear Creek Republican Women, February 6, 2004

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Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting



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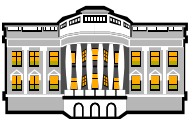


## Money Matters

Balance as of December 30, 2003 ..... \$1233.22

The CCRW account remains frozen until January 6, 2004, due to transition to PAC fund as required by Legislative changes.

Laurie Hembee, Treasurer



## Legislation Watch

### Omnibus Spending Bill Hikes Discretionary Spending by 9% in 2004

by Brian M. Riedl

The omnibus appropriations bill (HR 2673) that is currently in the Senate will set the stage for discretionary spending to increase by 9 percent in 2004, rather than the 3 percent figure commonly cited by Members of Congress.



Condolences to Commissioner Jerry Patterson at the loss of his father, Bob Auderer. Bob had a spirit about him that could make anyone smile. He will be missed.

## The Bill of Rights Anniversary

December 15th was the 212th anniversary of the adoption of our Bill of Rights, the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution as ratified December 15, 1791.

### Quotes from Jay Leno

"They showed video of Hussein being inspected by a doctor. And then they took a DNA sample from him. Which had to be humiliating. One day you're president of the country the next day you're being forced to give a DNA sample. And Clinton said, "Tell me about it."

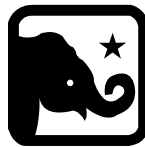
Reaction coming in from all over the world to Saddam's capture:

- × The British government praised the U.S.
- × The Spanish government said it was a great day.
- × The French government praised Saddam for the way he surrendered. "We couldn't have done it so quickly ourselves." (In fact when he was captured he was surrounded by the only nine remaining people who didn't want him caught -- the Democratic presidential candidates.)

### Last but not the least...

"A free people [claim] their rights as derived from the laws of nature, and not as the gift of their chief magistrate...The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them." --Thomas Jefferson

Shirley Hendrickson



## Membership Memo

Thanks to all of you we ended 2003 on a high note and 2004 is getting off to a great start. We have 22 Full members and 4 Associates already—thanks to the 17 members who renewed and our five new members who joined. I am excited about the potential our club has as we go into this new year. We received several awards at the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Convention, and one was for membership growth.

We were so close to reaching our goal of 50 full members last year, that I believe we can not only reach our goal, but will exceed that number. We are going into a presidential election year and it looks like it's going to be an exciting time - especially with the redistricting.

A special welcome to our new members: Jean Durkee, Diane Gillette, Cheryl Johnson, Cynthia McIntrye and Kathy Rogers; and to our new associate, Terry Wilson.

Bonnie Wilson

As a reminder: Only active members are eligible to hold offices and/or serve on a committee. Active members are those who meet the eligibility requirements of this organization and pays the annual dues. If you have been asked to serve in either capacity and have not yet paid your dues, please call me, Bonnie Wilson, at 281-332-8039, for an application or pick one up at our meeting, January 9th.



# Announcements

## News Release: Republican Campaign Workshop

The Galveston County Young Republicans (GCYR) are pleased to provide Galveston County's Republican candidates and campaign staff a helpful video, "Campaign Tips from the Experts" provided by the Leadership Institute's Center for Print and Broadcast Media at GCYR's meeting on January 5. This training workshop will be GCYR's first meeting of 2004, followed by regular monthly meetings on the First Monday of each month. Future speakers will include local and state officials and other interesting community leaders.

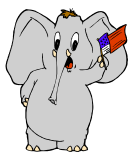
GCYR invites the public to join us for this and all other First Monday events. The meetings are held at the Galveston County Annex Building located at 174 Calder Road, just South of Hwy 518 in League City. The doors open at 6:30 pm and speakers start at 7:00 pm. For more information about the events go to [www.gcyr.org](http://www.gcyr.org) or send email to [info@gcyr.org](mailto:info@gcyr.org).

GCYR is the local chapter of the Texas Young Republican Federation & National Young Republican Federation that serves the Galveston Bay/Clear Lake area. We are a gathering place for like-minded 18-40 year olds who believe in the Republican ideals of "Compassionate Conservatism" and want to help make a positive impact in the Galveston Bay/Clear Lake political arena and beyond.

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## CCISD Election Information

Temporary branch voting will be held on each District campus for one day between January 21 to February 3, 2004. **Main early voting locations will be open January 21 through February 3 Monday through Saturday.** For additional information, visit [www.CCISD.net](http://www.CCISD.net).



# Miscellaneous

## Provided online by Mark Reiff Fort Worth Star-Telegram

(<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1049336/>)

"No Democrats Have Filed Yet for Texas State Elections in 2004" The head of the Texas Democrats on Tuesday vowed that his party would field "scores" of candidates to challenge incumbent Republicans in the 2004 elections, but with filing for the March primaries ending Friday, no Democrat has stepped forward in any of the statewide races.

State Democratic Chairman Charles Soechting said the party is concentrating its efforts on fielding candidates for the Texas House, saying voters are primed to punish Republican lawmakers for issues such as congressional redistricting and deep cuts in social service spending.

Soechting did not give the names of the Democratic candidates he said would file in the House races or which Republicans would be targeted. Ted Royer, a spokesman for the Texas Republican Party, which has not lost a statewide race since 1994, said he was unimpressed with Soechting's plans or his analysis of the voters' mood.

"I haven't seen their news release," Royer said. "We're very confident heading into next year's elections." The 30-day filing period ends Friday for Democratic and Republican candidates who wish to run in the March 9 primaries for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, three seats on the nine-member Texas Supreme Court, three seats on the nine-member Court of Criminal Appeals, 15 seats in the 31-member Texas Senate and all 150 state House seats.

Filing also ends Friday for several county offices and justice of the peace seats that will be contested in the primaries. Congressional candidates remain in limbo. A federal lawsuit against the Republican-backed redistricting plan filed by plaintiffs aligned with the Democratic Party is in the hands of a three-judge panel, which heard the case in a trial that ended last week.

If the redistricting plan is upheld, congressional candidates will be given from Jan. 11 to Jan. 16 to file for office. If the plan is struck down, candidates must file by Friday under the map that was in place for the 2002 elections. The court has indicated that it plans to rule by Friday.

Democratic Party spokesman Sean Michael Byrne and strategist Kelly Fero, who advises Soechting, said they are not aware of any candidates who planned to step forward in the statewide races. All eight area House Republican incumbents have filed for re-election, according to the Republican Party's Web site, and none had drawn an opponent from either their own party or from the Democrats as of late Tuesday. Republican State Senators Chris Harris of Arlington and Kim Brimer of Fort Worth have also filed and remained unchallenged as of Tuesday.



# Editor's Note

Thanks to everyone for being so helpful with the first newsletter of 2004. Due to the holidays, the news was sparse but I am certain that will change as we move through this exciting and important year. Email distribution to other Republican clubs in the County is being beefed up. There are many wonderful programs being held at a variety of times and places across the County that could benefit us all and I will share the information as it becomes available. Working together, **Republicans will win in '04!**

Additionally, for those of you that have not yet renewed your membership or those of you that may wish to join, a membership form is included on page 4. Print it, fill it in, bring it with you on the 9th, and hand it to Bonnie!



Benny Cheney sends her thanks to everyone who took part in the cookie exchange at the December meeting. What a great way to get new cookie recipes! She suggests we try for a cookie book entitled "Clear Creek Cookies"!



# Clear Creek Republican Women Galveston County, Texas

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY, ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:

- \_\_\_Telephone    \_\_\_Legislative    \_\_\_Publicity    \_\_\_Membership    \_\_\_Campaign
- \_\_\_Fundraising    \_\_\_Budget    \_\_\_Awards    \_\_\_Hospitality    \_\_\_Literacy
- \_\_\_Audit    \_\_\_Ways and Means    \_\_\_By Laws    \_\_\_Community Service

Name of Member Who Told you About CCRW: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior political affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Member    \$20.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dual Member    \$10.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_