
CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MAY, 2014 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring will soon give way to summer and there is still the Runoff Election on May 27th, but it's not too early to begin to redirect our attention to the General Election in November.

Everyone has been working long, hard hours and all we want to do is kickback and take the summer off. But we know that the Democrats are going to be working hard to take out our Republican majority, so we must not become apathic or complacent.

I want to encourage everyone to stay connected and involved even though CCRW will not be meeting in June or July. The North County Republican Network will still be in session. They meet the third Thursday of each month and the Mid County Republican Network, which meets the second Tuesday of the month. (See Upcoming Events for contact information and meeting times of other Republican groups)

Keep in touch with the County Republican Party for any upcoming blockwalks and/or events. I am sure they can use volunteers to help staff the Party Office Headquarters and volunteers for community outreach events. Contact them to find out how you can help at 281-554-8888 or their website www.galvestongop.org.

Also, check CCRW's website at www.clearcreekrw.org for information. Don't forget to check with your elected Congressmen and Senators for any upcoming Townhall meetings.

Our next meeting will be Friday, May 2nd and then we will resume our regular meetings after the summer break on August 1, 2014.

There is still time to register for the State Convention in Ft. Worth. For information and registration logon to RPT website at: www.texasgop.org

Have a safe, fun summer!!



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CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING



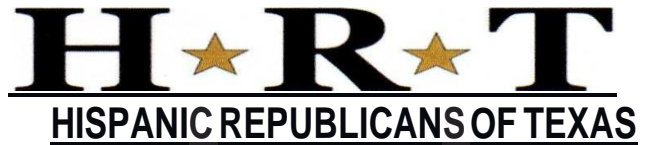
RUDY RIOS, CHAIRMAN
HISPANIC REPUBLICANS OF
TEXAS-GALVESTON CHAPTER

Rudy Rios is a second generation Hispanic-American and has been a life-long conservative and a faithful Republican advocate. He knew he was a conservative Republican when he was in the 8th grade. He cast his first vote in 1984 for Ronald Reagan. He is Chairman of the Hispanic Republican's of Texas-Galveston County. His goal is to identify, unite and activate conservative Hispanics in Galveston County.

His father's family, the Flores, established Floresville, Texas. He has lived in Texas all his life where he worked in several management positions in Waco, Texas before moving to Galveston County, where he has lived for 22 years. He was 21 years of age when he was called into full-time Christian ministry. He has served 23 years as senior pastor of Temple Baptist Church located in Texas City.

He and his wife, Cheri, of 28 years, and the love of his life, have three beautiful children. Dustin, who is heading to University of North Texas to finish a degree in movie directing and production. Their second son, Brandon, is a senior and will be graduating this May and will pursue a career in nursing and his lovely daughter, who is interested in the arts, is a high school freshman.

He has an AA degree from College of the Mainland and is working on his bachelors degree in education at the University of Houston Clear Lake.



Background

Hispanics constitute the largest single growing community in Texas and have a profound impact on this state. They contribute to our economy as job creators, they contribute to the armed forces through their patriotism and they contribute to our democracy with their vote and public service.

As it stands today, Hispanic leaders are disproportionately under-represented as elected officeholders especially as Republicans.

To close this gap, the Hispanic Republicans of Texas was established in 2009 to build leadership within the Hispanic community and support those who are ready to serve as elected leaders of this state.

The group was Co-Founded by George P. Bush, Dr. Juan Hernandez and George Antuna. Jacob Monty, Sonya Medina-Williams, Lionel Sosa and Rolando Pablos, Mano DeAyala, Dan Martinez and Rep. Larry Gonzales have also joined the H.R.T. Board.

H.R.T. supports candidates running for all levels of public office from State wide offices and the Texas Legislature down to local races including County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, and School Board. The Hispanic Republicans of Texas is committed to building a farm team for the future of Texas.

Methods

HRT is different from other political entities in that we do not engage in policy decisions as an organization. Instead, H.R.T. focuses on provided the tools necessary to help get

conservative Hispanic Republicans elected to office. In many ways, the Hispanic Republicans (H.R.T. cont.)

of Texas can be seen as a political incubator, helping the candidates learn the skills necessary to run a successful campaign.

During the 2010 and 2012 election cycles, H.R.T. provided tens of thousands of dollars in direct contributions to candidates. Just as critical as those monetary contributions, however, was the campaign assistance we provided as well, including:

- Campaign websites
- Graphic design for logos and campaign materials
- Voter data and research including block walk lists and polling data
- Media training
- Fundraising assistance

Success

Prior to the 2010 elections, there were ZERO Hispanic Republicans in the Texas House of Representatives. On November 2nd, 2010, we elected FIVE Hispanic Republicans to the Texas House paving the way for Representative Aaron Pena to switch parties for a total of Six Hispanic Republicans State Representatives. In the November 2010 election, H.R.T. endorsed candidates in 18 races across Texas. We won 13 of those races.

The 2012 election cycle proved much more difficult due to the Redistricting Process and subsequent litigation. Despite these setbacks, H.R.T. played a critical role in helping to elect Jason Villalba and J.M. Lozano to the Texas House and assisted in the victories of 11 candidates from District Judge to Statewide Office.

As H.R.T. moves into the 2014 election cycle and continues to grow a key component will be Regional Chapters. Each chapter will help with candidate recruitment, training and grassroots organization.

WOMEN ARE MORE

“Women are More” program, recently launched by TFRW seeks to

- Inspire and challenge women to stand up and to speak out on issues about which they care.
- Equip conservatives with tools needed to increase positive and empowering messages regarding women who believe in limited government and free market principles.
- Increase awareness of how conservative principles have made Texas the best state to live and run a business, and are instrumental in the success of all Texans...including women.

There is a growing diversion happening in the media and politics today. It is called the “War On Women”

ALL issues are women’s issues

Don’t be fooled by the agenda of those trying to steal your attention and your voice away from the critical issues of the day.

Join us in saying “Women Are More!” on facebook, twitter or email at info@womenaremore.com.

Also go to our website www.womenaremore.com

- Melinda Fredricks, Vice Chair,
Republican Party of Texas
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- Rachel Woods, TFRW VP Legislation
- Debbie Roan, District Director, SD11

- Amy Clark, Former SREC Women, SD21

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP - APRIL 4, 2014

President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women (the "Club") meeting of the general membership to order at 12:00 Noon, Central Standard Time on April 4, 2014 at La Brisa Mexican Restaurant in League City. Norma Byous led the invocation and Wayne Faircloth led the United States and Texas Pledges of Allegiance. Ms. Wilson welcomed elected officials and candidates and asked them to introduce themselves to attendees. She then welcomed guests and new members.

Patricia Grady, the Club's Parliamentarian, introduced this month's speaker, Richard Trabluski, President of Texans for Lawsuit Reform. Mr. Trabluski spoke about the history of frivolous lawsuits in Texas and their detrimental effect on Texas businesses and the economy, as well as how the work of Texans for Lawsuit Reform (TLR) has made such a difference in recent years. And he promised that TLR will continue to monitor lawsuits in Texas and work on appropriate legislation, as well as support judicial candidates who share the same values. Mr. Trabluski offered to remain after the business meeting to answer any questions attendees had.

The business meeting resumed at 12:37 pm. The Club's President reminded attendees that minutes of the March meeting were printed in the April newsletter and asked whether there were any corrections to be made. None being offered, the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Wilson stated that the Treasurer's Report is printed in the April newsletter and will be filed for internal review.

New Business: Approval of Bylaws & Standing Rules.
The Club's President introduced the members of the Bylaws Committee (Martha Anne Pierson, Chair; Sharon Meier, Secretary; and Barbara Vollmer) and the Club's Parliamentarian, Patricia

Grady. She then turned the meeting over to Ms. Pierson, who asked for questions and concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Club's Bylaws.

Barbara Meeks expressed concern regarding the last sentence of Article IX, Section 6. Discussion followed, after which it was duly moved and seconded that the final section read: "*The Treasurer shall be present at the Internal Review Committee meeting for the internal review of the books.*" The motion passed.

Ms. Meeks then made a motion that the last two sentences of Article X, Section 8 be stricken. Discussion followed, after which Ms. Meeks' motion was duly seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Pierson explained the proposed amendment to the Standing Rules and asked whether there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion was duly made, seconded and passed to adopt the Bylaws and Standing Rules as amended at this meeting.

Ms. Wilson gave special thanks to the Bylaws Committee members for all their hard work and patience. She also thanked the Club members who had stayed to finish the Club's business.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Sargent, Recording Secretary

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Municipal and School Board Election Dates

April 28 – May 6, 2014 Early Voting

May 10, 2014 Election Day

Check with your local City Hall or School Board Administration for ballots, polling locations and times

Primary Election Runoff Dates

May 19 – 24, 2014 Early Voting Runoff

May 27, 2014 Primary Runoff Election

For ballots, times and polling locations contact:

www.galvestonvotes.org

APRIL 2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership count: 71 Full members
62 Associate members

Ladies, we now have business cards to promote membership in our club. These will be on the tables at our next meeting. Please pick some up to carry with you and give to any interested friends, relatives, etc. These may also be left at places of business that allow business cards to be left on site.

Don't forget to pick up your cards on Friday, May 2!!

See you there.

Loretta Roberts, Chairman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 2: Georgia Young
12 Benny Cheney
18 Mary Jean Sargent
21 Hon. Timothy Paulissen
22 Janelle Wray
27 Barbara Meeks
30 Kent Moss



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking	\$ 4,337.17
Savings	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance	\$14,337.17

CARING FOR AMERICA

I collected another bag of personal hygiene items for the residents at Baywind Village.

For this month, please bring fresh flowers to the May meeting. Roses are plentiful this time of year but any cut flower will do. If you have small vases to donate that works but if you can bring just the flowers I will find vases for them and deliver them. I've done some checking and you can purchase small vases at goodwill for 50 cents which I'd be happy to cover.

I will be at the May meeting to collect the flowers and any personal hygiene items that folks still wish to bring.

Thanks,

Kathleen McCumber
Community Outreach Chairman

May 11th is Mother's Day.
Let's help make it a special day for the residents at Baywind
If anyone would like to help deliver flowers, see Kathleen before or after the May 2 meeting.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Do you realize that you already know God's will for you today? Here it is: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"
(I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Arlene Taylor, Chaplain

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CONGRESS ACTS TO SLOW FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012

Homeowners in the Gulf Coast region will benefit from the recent strong bipartisan effort in Congress. **U.S. Congressman Pete Olson (TX-22)** co-sponsored H.R. 3370, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013, ensuring that residents of Fort Bend County and surrounding areas will not face sudden and unaffordable hike in flood insurance rates.

(For Complete Article)

<http://blog.chron.com/insidepolicy/2014/04/just-in-time-for-hurricane-season>

When Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 it resulted in skyrocketing premiums for some property owners. To remedy the high premiums, Congress recently passed H.R. 3370, *Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014*. The bill was signed by President Obama on March 21, 2014. This Bill will only slow premium increases. For full details of how it may affect you, logon to: <http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/3370>

MEMORIAL DAY- REMEMBERING THOSE WHOM WE HAVE LOST

May 26. League City is holding it's annual to Memorial Day ceremony at Fairview Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. www.leaguecity.com

This day is set aside to celebrate and honor United States men and women who have died serving their country in military.

Memorial Day, officially celebrated on May 30th, was inspired by the way people honored their dead in the southern States. After the end of World War I, Memorial Day was extended to include all American men and women who died serving their country in any military action or war.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 2 **CCRW Monthly Meeting**, La Brisa's Mexican Restaurant, 501 Wesley, League City. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$15.00 Lunch Reservations a must if you want lunch. Contact Barbara Vollmer at reservations.ccrw@gmail.com or call 713-208-9527
- 10 **Municipal and School Board Elections**
- 11 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**
- 13 Mid-County Republican Network. Social, 6:30 p.m., Program, 7:00 p.m. For location and more information contact Karen Stephens at 409-771-3056
- 15 **Republican Network** - 6:30 p.m. La Brisa's Restaurant, 501 Wesley Drive, League City (off I-45 Gulf Freeway North). Contact Paula Smith - skydiverpaula@comcast.net
- 19-23 **EARLY RUNOFF ELECTION**
- 20 **Greater Houston Council Federated Women**, 9:30 a.m – Social, 10:30 a.m. – Meeting. SOSA Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston. www.ghcfrw.org
- 21 **Galveston Republican Women Meeting.** Contact Brenda Gutierrez at bgutierrez314@comcast.net
- 26 **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED**
- 27 **RUNOFF ELECTION DAY**
- 28 **Bay Area Republican Women's Meeting** - 11:00 am Social, 11:30 am Meeting, 12:00 Noon Speaker. Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston. \$15 price-fixed lunch available. RSVP a must if you want lunch. barw.rsvp@gmail.com
- 29 **Friendswood Republican Women's Meeting**, Perry's Restaurant, Friendswood. Pay for your own lunch. Questions, please call Deborah Winters Chaney @ 281-224-7800. www.FriendswoodRW.org

It's time to honor our hard working women!

***Tribute to Women Luncheon
June 6, 2014***

**LOCATION: OMNI HOTEL, FT. WORTH, TX
TIME: NOON**

Special Honored Guest: Cecillia Abbott, wife of Attorney General
and candidate for Texas Governor, Greg Abbot.

Please fill out the attached registration form and bring form with check to the May 2, 2014 CCRW Meeting. Penny Ignazio will send all the forms and checks together so we can sit as a group. If you have questions, call Penny at 832-704-6972.

Early Bird Registration fee: \$59 per person before May 9th; after May 9th \$74 per person. Please make Checks Payable to: TFRW PAC

Registration Form

Club Name:

(No acronyms please) _____

Please Note: Seating assignments based on "first received" basis. Tables accommodate 10. If your table is not full, members of other clubs may be assigned to sit with you.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Pmt by ck # _____

Please identify as: Club Member Elected Official Guest

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CAMPAIGN HOURS – WHAT COUNTS

By Cheri Creekmore, TFRW VP Campaign Activities, 2014-2015

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Candidates and Elected Officials.

Female candidates and elected officials, who belong to a RW club, turn in all your volunteer campaign hours to your primary club. As stated in item II, if the female is an associate member of other RW clubs, you only report ALL of your volunteer hours to your primary club. Male candidates and elected officials, who have a wife in a RW club, their hours should be given to the wife's club. If a male candidate is single or his wife does not belong to a RW club, then he should give his volunteer hours to the club closest to where he lives. Some counties have more than one RW club; nevertheless, the male should determine which club is closest to his residence.

Fundraisers and Special Events for Republican Women Clubs, Local, State and National Republican Party Clubs. Work done to plan, prepare, and conduct a fundraiser to earn money for political activities of the club or for candidate(s), counts as Volunteer Campaign Hours (VCHrs.) This includes anything that is done to prepare and complete a fundraiser. For example, you can count the hours preparing food, making items for sale, decorating and the clean-up afterwards. Special Events, such as campaign rallies, counts as VCHrs if it directly supports the advancement of Republican philosophy and policies. The intent of the "Special Event is to elect Republican candidates and further the Republican platform.

Training Seminars/Workshops count as Volunteer Campaign Hours. You may count time spent planning, organizing and conducting training seminars/workshops whose purpose is to further the Republican philosophy and political views with the intent of getting Republicans elected. National, State, or Locally sponsored seminars/workshops may count as VCHrs. This includes, Campaign Management Schools, Get Out the Vote Seminars, Poll Watcher Training, Election Judge and Election Clerk Training, and Leadership Training. These training hours do not count if one is paid. However the hours DO COUNT, if one turns the money earned to a county party, your local Federated Republican Women's Club, a candidate or the TRFW PAC.

You may count time spent preparing for and attending TFRW meetings, to include Legislative Day, the TFRW Convention, State Republican Convention and the National Convention. You may count travel to and from the meetings. You may count time spent as a participant in the training mentioned above to include travel to and from the training.

Presenting political programs or speeches at Republican Women Club meetings and other Republican Clubs. You may also count such programs and speeches given at local civic clubs. You may include travel to and from the meeting. Officers of Republican Women Clubs may count time spent on completing the duties required of that office. This may include administrative work, filings, and other clerical work. You may count time spent on such duties as an individual or in committee meetings held at a time OTHER than the club's Regular Business meeting.

DUE TO THE NATURE OF CLUB BOARD MEETINGS, those who attend the Board Meetings may count the travel to and from the meeting AND the time spent at the Board Meetings.

Chairpersons of Republican Women clubs or other Republican clubs may count time spent to complete the work required of the position as Volunteer Campaign Hours. You may count time spent on such duties as an individual at

home or in a committee meeting. Again, after Club's Regular meeting, Officers and Committee Chairs can count work done to complete the duties of their position. **Are there times you DO NOT COUNT HOURS?** Yes, we DO NOT count the hours that we spend at club's Monthly Meetings. We count the travel time – how long it takes you to get to the meeting and to get home. But, if a club member goes to work at Republican Party headquarters after the meeting, the member would count those hours worked at headquarters. If a club member works on a Republican Women's club project or duty after a regular meeting, those hours may be counted. ##

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, April 26 – 9:00 a.m.

LEAGUE CITY WALK FOR HEALTH
League Park, 512 2nd St. League City
Contact: www.leaguecity.com/calendar

Saturday, May 3 - 11:00 a.m.–6:00p.m.

TEXAS CITY CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION

CINCO DE MAYO - FIESTA DEL BARRIO

AT THE ROTARY PAVILION AT NESSLER PARK IN TEXAS CITY

Featuring Mariachi Music, Tejano Music, Pinatas, Ballet Folklorico Performances and more!!

For additional information please contact:

Nina Sanchez, 409-739-5263 or

Hilda Torres, 281-685-9502.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

MAY 8 - 11 – Thursday thru Sunday

LEAGUE CITY LION'S CLUB MUSIC FESTIVAL

Walter Hall Park, Hwy 3, League City

Featuring: Carnival rides, entertainment, BBQ Cookoff, vendors, food,
fun for everyone

For tickets and schedule contact www.lcvillagefair.com

Heart health luncheon at Mainland Medical Center sponsored by Santa Fe Women in Business and Texas City chamber



(R-L) Sue Schmitz, Fay Picard and Teri Goodman
Clear Creek Republican Women attend Heart Health luncheon at Mainland Medical Center