

Clear Creek Republican Women



"...the new stars on the horizon."

March 2004 Newsletter

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March 5th Meeting

March's meeting will be a candidate forum for Precinct 7 and 8 Constables. There are three candidates on the ballot for each of these positions. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the various candidates and to present questions.

Katie Benoit



From the President

In the next few months, CCRW would like to continue to educate our members on the political process. We begin with our Voter Registration Drive. Thank you to Kathy Rogers for the wonderful job spearheading our efforts to get members deputized recently. Voter registration is extremely important this election year and for the future of our party. The right to vote, the most fundamental expression of freedom that we have, gives us the power to decide by whom we shall be governed. Patriots have given their lives to protect this right. We need to make sure that in the coming elections, every Republican exercises this sacred right. Sign up with Kathy to help volunteer to register people in various locations in our community.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend your Precinct Conventions on March 9th. The conventions are held immediately following the primary election, usually just after 7PM at your precinct voting location. At the Precinct Conventions, delegates are elected to the March 27th County/District Convention. It is at the County/District Convention, delegates are elected to attend the Texas State Republican Convention in San Antonio, June 3-5. From there, delegates to the National Republican Convention are elected. Get to know the process by participating.

Our future CCRW programs will highlight this process. Texas State Republican Party chairman, Tina Benkiser, will speak at our April meeting and Senatorial District 11 SREC representative, Kathy Haigler, will give a PowerPoint presentation explaining the party structure, how to get a resolution passed and into the platform, and the delegate process at each level at our May meeting.

Ultimately, our goal is to elect more Republicans to office and we must not lose sight of that.

Kathie



New deputy voter registrars (left to right) Celia Mabry (Friendswood), Claire Worthington (Kemah), Kathie Nenninger (League City), Shirley Hendrickson (League City), Benny Cheney (Lazy Bend/Kemah).

CCRW Officers

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.....	Norma Byous
.....	Sylvia Jackson
.....	Niki Stevens
Voter Registration	Kathy Rogers

Calendar

Galveston County Young Republicans, March 1, 2004

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

Galveston Island Pachyderm, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2004

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am



Clear Creek Republican Women, March 5, 2004

Program: *Constable Candidates Forum*

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



CCRW Board Meeting, March 5, 2004

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

Primary Election, March 9, 2004

Check newspapers for voting locations. Early voting through March 5

Galveston County Lincoln Day Dinner, March 15, 2004

Speaker: *US Representative Ron Paul*

Hilton Galveston Island Resort Hotel Ballroom, 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston 7:00 pm

Galveston Republican Women, March 17, 2004

Speaker: *Cheryl E. Johnson, Candidate for Tax Assessor/Collector*
Landry's Seafood House 12:00 am

Republican Network, March 18, 2004

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

Sandpiper Republican Women, March 23, 2004

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

Bay Area Republican Women, March 24, 2004

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



Clear Creek Republican Women Monthly Member and Board Meeting, April 2, 2004

Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's Café & Cantina



Money Matters

Clear Creek Republican Women, PAC

Beginning Balance 12/31/03	\$1,402.52
Expenses	447.40
Deposits	<u>886.00</u>
Balance January 2004	\$1,841.12

Darlene Anene



Legislation Watch

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13—CONGRESS IN SESSION
THE SENATE

TV Porn & MTV

Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) has introduced the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004 (S. 2056) to increase fines for broadcasting obscenity from \$27,500 to \$275,000 per instance. His bill is the companion to Congressman Upton's (R-MI) Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004 (H.R. 3717) in the House which raises fines by the same amount. Senator Brownback points out that CBS was paid \$2.2 million per Super Bowl ad and that a mere

\$27,500 fine per station they own would be no penalty at all. He stated the fines must be punitive or they will give little incentive to broadcasters to curb their "race to the bottom."

Offended by TV?

If you are offended by what is on TV, you are not alone. A Gallup poll released yesterday shows that 62% of Americans are offended by TV violence; 58% by TV sex and 58% by TV profanity. Those are averages. As adults mature they are more and more offended by what is on television, with 80% of those 65 years old or older being offended by the sexual content and profanity. With these kinds of numbers, we should be able to do something and I encourage you to use the link above to contact your congressman and Senators.

Cloning

It has happened. South Korean "scientists" have cloned a human embryo for the purpose of stripping it of parts. They have created life for the purpose of destroying it. Senator Brownback (R-KS) has offered a bill which would place a total ban on human cloning in the United States. Please contact your Senator about the Human Cloning Prohibition Act (S-245). Other nations may want to damn themselves in the eyes of God, but as for America, we should be a righteous land that does not experiment on the innocent and most helpless among us.

Unborn Victims

Senate Leadership has scheduled a floor vote on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (Laci and Connor's Law) HR 1997 for Thursday, February 26th. This is a simple law which makes it a crime to kill or injure an unborn child while committing a crime against the mother. Pro-abortionists hate this bill because it elevates the legal status of a "fetus." There will be a no-holds-barred attempt to derail the bill by Democrat leaders who are told what to do by the abortion industry lobby. It is important that your congressman hear from you about Laci and Connor's Law.

THE HOUSE

First Amendment Restoration Act

The Campaign Reform Act which most on the Hill call the "Incumbent Protection Act," limits freedom of speech of organizations such as the Religious Freedom Coalition. The law, passed by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush and found constitutional by the Supreme Court, bars organizations other than PACs from doing any "advocacy advertising" 30 days prior to a primary and 60 days prior to a general election. Thus the Religious Freedom Coalition cannot buy an advertisement before the election that identifies candidates who, for example, think MTV is fine entertainment.

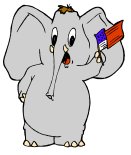
Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) has introduced the First Amendment Restoration Act of 2004 (HR-3801) which would repeal the "electioneering communication" provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Act. This would allow organizations such as the Religious Freedom Coalition and the Religious Freedom Action Coalition to do issue advertising during elections. At a press conference at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill yesterday, Congressman Bartlett released the details of the bill to restore freedom of speech.

Shirley Hendrickson



New Republicans

Congratulations to Land Commissioner Jerry and Jennifer Patterson at the birth of their twins Samantha and Cole, on February 24.



Membership Memo

Welcome Back to Texas, Glenda!

Glenda Barnes has been a member in absentia and we are glad she's back from the frozen North. Also, a great, big Texas-size welcome to our new members Kelly Douglas, who was introduced to our club by Tracy Oliver (who only joined last month herself) and Pam Matranga. That brings our membership total to 35! YEA! Just 15 more and we will reach our goal of 50.

Calling All Former Members!!!

We would like to encourage every 2003 member who has not yet renewed to re-up. We need you. We can hit that magic mark! Welcome aboard to Kathy Haigler, our newest dual member and SREC representative; and new associate member, Kevin Walsh, Galveston County Treasurer. Thanks to all your hard work our club is growing. Which means, as my mom always said, "many hands make light work."





Bonnie Wilson



Voter Registration

CCRW Voter Registration Opportunities

Please contact Kathy Rogers (krogers@ghg.net) to sign up to help register voters. Even if you have not been deputized, you can still support the deputized person at the registration events. Also, please contact me if you'd like me to call a church, grocery store, or community facility in your area.

-  Saturday February 28 from 11-1 INSIDE the Friendswood Public Library
-  Saturday March 6 Kroger on 528 at Bay Area 11-3 probably outside
-  Saturday April 10 Kroger on 2351 and 518 11-3 probably outside
-  Saturday TBD JSC Federal Credit Union in Friendswood 9-1

We have also registered voters at Friendswood High School, Mary Queen Catholic Church, and United Space Alliance (two locations) in Clear Lake. We have been turned down by Randall's in Friendswood and Hope Lutheran Church in Friendswood. I am not optimistic about Friendswood United Methodist Church or Friendswood HEB (both are passing our request up the management chain).

On the Road with CCRW - Road trip to Galveston

A dozen members of CCRW went to Galveston last week, to visit the Galveston Republican club, Pachyderm, (they meet weekly, on Thursdays, at Gaido's) and to get deputized to register voters. The originally advertised speaker, Tillman Ferititta, couldn't attend, but the substitute program was a very lively debate between the two candidates for GOP party chair, Sandra Kelly and Chris Stevens. It was a beautiful day to cruise down to the beach; the food was delicious (not to mention reasonably priced); and the group was very interesting. There were quite a few candidates at the meeting, both local and countywide. The Pachyderms were very welcoming and complimented us on our efforts to register

voters! We had a great time getting to know more about each other (next month we might have a quiz) and, of course, we accomplished our goal of deputizing more Voter Registrars. We're up to at least 10 now! We had a great "road trip"; the next time they schedule Tillman to speak, I encourage everyone to consider attending. I also encourage everyone who hasn't been deputized to go out and get deputized!



Announcements

- * The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women meeting will be on Tuesday March 16. Robert K. Neckel, South Central Field Intelligence Unit for the US Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement will be the speaker. Clear Creek RW is responsible for refreshments this month. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Kathie.
- * The Galveston County Republican Party office is open. Located at 907 Main Street (FM 518) in the McClain Shopping Center west of the Dairy Queen in League City, office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed to work at the office. Election clerks are also needed. Please call 281-557-3466.
- * Individual tickets to the Republican Party of Galveston County March 15, 2004, Lincoln Day Dinner are available for \$35 each. A table (for 8) with your name is \$350, Underwriter (\$2,500) will receive 8 tickets, special recognition at the event and a reception with Congressman Paul, Patron (\$1,000) will receive 4 tickets, special recognition at the event and a reception with Congressman Paul, Host (\$500) will receive special recognition, and Sponsor (\$250) will also receive special recognition at the event.



Help Wanted

Many of you have already volunteered for a position on the CCRW board or are currently helping someone on the board. However there are still some volunteer opportunities available.

- Do you have a big smile? We need people to greet our members as they arrive and to help everyone sign in on the *correct* sheet.
- Can you come a few minutes early and help set up the Ways and Means table, or to place Celia's wonderful decorations on the tables?
- Can you help call members on your own time, at your home, to remind them of our meeting?
- If you can listen and write at the same time you could help out our Secretary if for some reason she cannot be there.
- We could use your help in collecting money for the lunches. We will begin a system of using a card to present to the Esteban server, which will help keep our numbers straight.
- Are you computer savvy? Cheryl will get very busy come this fall with her election, and could use some computer help with the newsletter.



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- If you can point and shoot, perhaps you can help take pictures for Pam our Historian, please let her know.
- We need someone to help us collect the volunteer hours from our members, as they must be turned in quarterly. This can be done by email with the push of a button.

Please let me know where you fit in and we'll set you up. Thank you in advance for volunteering.



Book Review

Treason

Treason by Ann Coulter is a 292 page book that documents (with 45 additional pages of single-space footnotes) that Joe McCarthy was right, the Roosevelt and Truman administrations were packed with Soviet agents at the highest levels, the treasonous activities of Jimmy Carter, the half-wits in Hollywood, and the rest of the Democratic Party, and much more. In this book, you'll find out that previously decrypted classified Soviet communiqués were released by the U.S. government in 1995 (obviously without much publicity) documenting exchanges between the Soviets and their spies in the U.S. government. Not only are her arguments carefully explained and documented (she is a Lawyer by education), it is also filled with hilarious comments, making it a quick and easy read. For example, (p 13) "In fact, today's appeasers are worse the Neville Chamberlin: Chamberlin didn't have himself as an example" or (p. 250) "As the war with Iraq drew closer, Saddam Hussein put the people of Iraq on an Orange alert in response to an increase in 'chatter' out of Hollywood. In a frenzy over the prospect of world events preempting their appearances on *Entertainment Tonight*, by early 2003, actors were in March Hare Mode." This book is available at Friendswood, Helen Hall, and Harris County public libraries. **Treason** is a great follow-up to Ann Coulter's previous bestseller (and another good read), **Slander**. Next month I'll review, **Shut Up and Sing**, by Laura Ingraham.

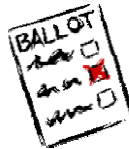
Review by *Kathy Rogers*



Pennies & Thoughts

Some say President Bush's Amnesty plan is an attempt to shore up Homeland Security. Others think it is a means to make gains in the Hispanic community. What if it is also something more? Consider that as baby boomers age, the number of people eligible for Social Security are going to outnumber those paying into the system. The only way to remedy the situation is to increase the payments (either more people or more per person) or increase the retirement age. An easy way to increase the number of payers is to include a large number of immigrants. The system will still need to be fixed, perhaps by allowing some amount of privatization, but at least this scenario will shore up the system until a more permanent situation can be found.

Kathy Rogers



Early Voting Locations

February 23-27 (M-F) 8 am to 5 pm
 February 28 (Saturday)..... 7 am to 7 pm
 February 29 (Sunday) 1 pm to 6 pm
 March 1-5 (M-F)..... 7 am to 7 pm

County Clerk, Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody, Galveston
 Bacliff Community Center, 4503 11th St., Bacliff
 West County Building, 11730 SH 6, Santa Fe
 Nessler Center, 2010 5th Avenue N, Texas City
 League City County Annex, 174 Calder Rd.
 Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Dr.
 Park Avenue Community Center, 6901 Park Ave., Texas City

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Joe Faggard Community Center, 1740 SH 87, Crystal Beach