

# Clear Creek Republican Women



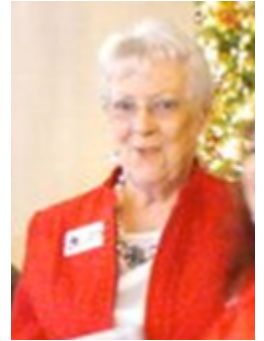
## May 2011 Newsletter

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY

- 2 Early voting begins Monday May 2 thru Tuesday May 10. It is very important that you vote for your local candidates. These people decide how to spend your money.
- 5 Pachyderms meet every Thursday at 12 noon at Olympia Grill on Pier 21 Galveston Thurs May 5, 12, 19 and 26
- 6 CCRW meets at Esteban's Fiesta Shack on FM 518 at 11:30 am.
- 8 **Happy Mother's Day** to all the Moms out there!
- 12 Galveston Co. Young Republican meeting 6:30 pm at Galveston County Republican Headquarters Calder Rd (SR96) and I 45 info: Danny Maldonado at [dmaldonado@ctech.com](mailto:dmaldonado@ctech.com)
- Deputy Voter Registrar Class and True the Vote Informational Town Hall Webster Civic center [info@clearlaketeaparty.com](mailto:info@clearlaketeaparty.com)
- 14 **Election Day!** If you didn't vote in early voting this is your last chance.
- 15 Meet Brigitte Gabriel 10:30 am to noon First Baptist Church Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway
- 16 King Street Patriots grand opening of their new home 7232 Wynnwood, Houston guest include Gov Rick Perry and other champions of Liberty go to their website for more info
- 17 Greater Houston Council social at 9:30, meeting at 10:00 SOSA Center
- 18 Galveston County Republican Women Anniversary luncheon 11:30 am at Galveston Artillery Club 3102 Avenue O Galveston guest speaker Michael Berry info [mainousnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mainousnancy@sbcglobal.net)
- Alvin Republican Women noon Judge Jerome Jozwiak's Office 260 George St, Alvin into Barbara Staigle 281-331-2740
- 19 Republican Network 6:30 pm La Brisa Restaurant I 45 and FM 518
- 24 Clear Lake Tea Party topics Fair Tax for Texas , Replacing Property Taxes with Consumption Tax and Energy, Climate and Progressive Threat. Webster Civic Center 311 Pennsylvania Ave Webster [info@clearlaketeaparty.com](mailto:info@clearlaketeaparty.com)
- 25 Bay Area Republican Women 11 am Bay Oaks Country Club 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd Houston info barw.org
- 26 Friendswood Republican Women 11:15 am Perry's Grill FM518 Friendswood info [Krogers@classwide.com](mailto:Krogers@classwide.com)

### *The President's Address Now Is The Time*



Now, after our overwhelming win in November where we were able to win 19 State Senators and 101 House of Representative seats plus the National House of Representative and came close to winning the Senate, it is now time to get busy and start working toward the 2012 election. You say that is a long way off, yes it is but we must continue to stay involved and get our conservative candidates elected.

No, we cannot sit on our laurels and expect more victories without all of us working hard and long to see that we continue our winning ways.

We have local elections for Mayor and City Councilman in League City with early voting starting May 4th and general election on May 12th. We need to get involved by meeting the candidates, attending candidate forums, attending meet and greets, block walk for the candidates, hand out flyers or ask what you can do to help. Remember politics begin at the local level and work their way up to the National level. Campaigning is expensive and candidates would appreciate your financial support.

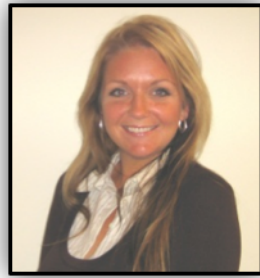
We all know that the United States is facing a crisis in the energy field. Yes, we are becoming so dependent on foreign sources where these countries have become a security or economic problem. It is understandable that when there becomes a shortage, the price of gas will increase. Can we afford an increase in gas? NO, we cannot. Our president has made it apparent that he wants the United States to be more dependent on foreign sources. It is time for all of us to defeat Obama so that our children and grandchildren will not be left with a huge deficit. Express your opinions about illegal immigration or any other bill that might be of interest to you.

Get involved with what is happening in your local, state and national politics. Ask questions about laws that are being passed. Call your representatives and inform them of your displeasure in how they are voting. Remind them they represent us. Also we need to recruit our neighbors and friends that may not be registered to vote, get them involved, do not be complacent as it is necessary for the Republican Party to be the party of all people.

As we will not be meeting in June and July remember we must all stay involved. Have a great summer and see you in August.

V vote  
O organize  
T teamwork  
E elect

*Sarah Von Dran,  
President*



*May Speakers Head Galveston  
County Community Services  
Division*

Galveston County Community Services Division is lead by our May speakers, Director Lanny Brown and Assistant Director, Chrystal Sargent.

With a degree in Public Administration, Lanny has worked for over 24 years with a mission of making communities a better place to live. Lanny came to Galveston County after having worked for the Boy Scouts of America in five different locations throughout the country. In that capacity, he identified community organizations that would work with youth and families. They developed programs through the power of volunteers teaching self-reliance and the value of earning one's own way. Armed with these ethics, Lanny's hope is to manage the County programs to result in creating more efficient, effective and self-reliant citizens.

Chrystal came to Galveston County as the Outreach Coordinator for the Children's Services Board of which several of our members have been appointed. Her BA and MS degrees from UHCL in Behavioral Science, Sociology and Psychology have enabled her to implement major changes in policies and procedures in the Social Services Department with positive impact. In addition to being Assistant Director, Chrystal teaches at San Jacinto College and is a member of many community organizations that include the League City Parks Board.

*VP Programs - Tommye Randolph*

## The Texas Ledge...

*Kathie Nenninger*

In place of the usual State Legislative update, I would like to have everyone read the following words of our NFRW President thanking our brave Military and especially our courageous Navy Seals:

“On behalf of the National Federation of Republican Women, I send profound thanks and gratitude to our exceptional military forces and counterterrorism experts who worked with great diligence, courage and skill over the past 10 years to successfully apprehend Osama bin Laden. Although we must remain ever vigilant to the threat of terrorism, words cannot express how indebted our nation is to those who carried out this perilous mission to bring bin Laden to the final justice he deserved. Our prayers continue to be with those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001, and in other terrorist attacks engineered by bin Laden, that the justice administered to this evil terrorist yesterday brings them some amount of peace and relief.”

*Sue Lynch, president of the National Federation of Republican Women.*

## Treasurers Report

**Lesley J. Bruemmer**  
Treasurer

**Balance: \$3902.77**



## **CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

### **General Meeting FRIDAY, April 1, 2011**

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at 12 noon on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City.

Norma Byous led us in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Penny Ignazio Secretary of CCRW.

Sarah introduced the 12 elected officials, 9 candidates and 16 guests attending the meeting and welcomed them.

Sarah introduced Kathie Nenner who introduced the City Council Candidates. Kathie presented the questions to the candidates.

The business meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m. The minutes of the March 11, 2011 meeting that were published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

**Officers Reports** The following officers gave their reports:

Lesley Bruemmer-Treasurer

Michelle Slaughter V.P. Membership

Tommye Randolph V.P. Programs.

Natalie Roth Corresponding Secretary

**Committee Reports** The following committee members gave their reports:

Bonnie Wilson Community Outreach

Cindy Seidensticker Hospitality

Jeannie Kranz Legislation

Tanya Kloesel Volunteer hours

### **Announcements**

Concealed Hand Gun License class will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Esteban's from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; cost is \$100 for the class. There is a minimal charge for the use of the gun range, fingerprinting, photos and the biggest expense is the actual license. But it is a small price to pay for your protection.

Simon Urbanic announced he had membership forms for Republican Network for anyone who would like to join.

City Council elections will be taking place:

Early Voting begins May 2 through May 10, no weekend.

Election Day is Saturday May 14, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Penny Ignazio,**

**Recording Secretary**

## **CCRW Meeting Minutes**

### **for April 2011**

**Attending:** Rebecca Alcorn, Lesley Bruemmer, Norma Byous, Penny Ignazio, Tanya Kloesel, Barbara Meeks, Kathie Nenner, Tommye Randolph, Natalie Roth, Michelle Slaughter, Sarah Von Dran, Bonnie Wilson.

**Quorum:** yes

The prayer and the pledges will be said at the general meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting was approved with no corrections.

**Membership V.P.** Michelle Slaughter stated that we have a total of 72 full members and 47 associated members paid for the year to date.

**Program V.P.** Tommye Randolph and Kathie Nenner our guest speaker for April will be Lenny Brown – Galveston City Services and Crystal Sargent – volunteer activity. We will also offer a scholarship for Girls State for \$ 375.00.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Natalie Roth sent out the cards for the month. We sang Happy Birthday to Bonnie.

**Treasurer:** Lesley Bruemmer Balance of March 31, 2011 is \$4,106.22.

Deposits for the month totaled \$1,645.00

Expenses for the month totaled \$315.13

**Campaign Activities:** Tanya Kloesel reported 615 hours for March. Our year to date is 2236 hours. Tanya reminded everyone to hand in their hours.

**Community Outreach:** Bonnie Wilson - We will be collecting the following items for Christy Ann Dickson's organization. Office supplies, cards, file folders and tabs for the files. Also anyone has old cell phones that we can recycle to the women's shelters.

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**Hospitality Chairman:** Cindy Seidensticker was absent, but sent a message that she will be calling everyone to check their information. The book will be printed by the end of the month.

**Legislation:** Kathie Nenner reported that legislation wanted to use a small portion of the

rainy day fund to balance the budget. Mail-in Ballots for service men will be extended to 45 days from 30. Voter ID is being voted on.

**Website:** Karen Abshire sends out the newsletter each month. She has been doing a great job. She also suggests that we look at the website which is under construction. [www.ClearCreekRW.org](http://www.ClearCreekRW.org).

**Unfinished Business:**

Concealed Handgun class will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Esteban's, there is still room to sign up.

Kathie Nenninger spoke on the format that will be used for the candidate's forum.

Still looking for a place and date to hold our fundraiser in the fall. Committee consists of Penny, Barbara, Tanya, Bonnie and Michelle.

**New Business:**

Early voting will be May 2 through May 10, 2011  
Election Day will be Saturday, May 14, 2011  
Remind all your neighbors to get out and vote.

**Announcements:**

Michelle Slaughter announced that she will be running for judge of the 405<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah congratulated Barbara Meeks on being elected Temporary Chair of the Galveston County Republican Party.

We will be having an SREC training session in Galveston County

Barbara announced that GCRP will be hosting a candidate job fair for new candidates.

TFRW will be holding their convention Fort Worth November 17 through November 20, 2011. The hotel is across the street from the convention center. More info will follow.

Nuts and Bolts meeting May 17, 2011. CCRW will be providing refreshments.

NFRW convention will be September 29 through October 2, 2011 in Kansas city.

**Adjourn:** The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Penny Ignazio,*

*Recording Secretary*

## *The State of CCRW Membership... 92 Full*

*62 Associate*

New Members:

**Dean Listiak**  
**Rick Sharp**  
**Rosalie Drilling**  
**Ruby Cubley**  
**Mike Lee**  
**Evelyn Timmins**  
**Jeremy Ducote**  
**Paula Smith**  
**Henry Trochesset**  
**Pat Dawson**  
**Sondra Guthrie**

## *May Birthdays!*

5 *Fran Gordon*  
6 *Willie Crawford*  
7 *Audrey Ayers*  
8 *Forrest Anderson*  
12 *Benny Cheney*  
16 *Jackie Peden*  
17 *Sylvia Jackson*  
21 *Tim Paulissen*  
22 *Janelle Wray*  
27 *Barbara Meeks*  
30 *Kent Moss*  
31 *Norma Anderson*  
31 *Leslie Yates*

## National Status

*Jeannie Kranz*

April was a power packed month on Capitol Hill! We were eight hours from a federal government shut down due to an expiring Continuing resolution (CR) and a vigorous budget battle between the White House, the House led Republicans and the Democratic led Senate. In addition, the U.S. engaged in the fight overseas with Libya and then rapidly turned over leadership to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Tensions in many of the surrounding countries continue to escalate with civil unrest, while oil prices in the U.S. sky-rocket to decade high prices. Closer to home, Texas and the Johnson Space Center (JSC) were snubbed by NASA HQ and the Administration to receive one of the coveted retiring space shuttle Orbiters – just another political action aimed at the state, the community and the space industry located here.

The eighth and final FY11 CR passed on April 14 funds the government through Sept 30 of this year. The measure authorized appropriations of just over a trillion in federal discretionary spending for the remainder of FY'11 with our current federal deficit at over \$14 trillion. The intensely negotiated compromise cut \$28 billion in discretionary spending with \$12 billion in reductions that were previously taken in the initial three CRs for a total of nearly \$40 billion in spending cuts. The bill also included an across-the-board reduction for all non-defense accounts of 0.2 percent.

When the Congress returns this week after their Easter break, their focus will be on whether or not to raise the national debt ceiling beyond its current \$14.3 trillion limit, addressing entitlement programs, the current oil crisis, taxes and all other budget areas. If the current debt limit holds, it would inevitably lead to significant spending reductions and a forcing function for more compromise in adopting aspects of the many budget proposals on the table. Solving our own oil and gas crisis will force decisions on domestic drilling and alternative energy programs – critical to our already ailing economy.

In context, this recent FY11 CR budget debate was only a small battle, compared to the ensuing war over the FY 12 budget. On April 15, the House voted to approve its FY12 funding resolution

proposing an estimated \$4.3 trillion in cuts to federal spending over the next decade, establishing overall funding limits for each the twelve House appropriations subcommittees as they begin developing their FY 2012 spending bills.

### NASA

The action by NASA to Award the three Orbiters and the *Enterprise* test vehicle to Virginia/Washington D.C., Florida, California and New York provoked serious responses from the Texas and Ohio delegations (Wright Patterson Air Force Base was a competitor, as well), the regional space industry, and the public. A majority feel as though the “slight” was purely politically motivated and the action just another in the ongoing retaliation of the Administration over Texas’ support. The other states awarded vehicles are critical states for past, as well as the 2012 elections. The Ohio delegation has requested an investigation by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) into the procurement process and the Texas Delegation has requested, via letter to the NASA Administrator, details of the selection process, criteria and proposals.

The Orbiters will begin their dismantling and transition process upon completion of their final missions – *Discovery* recently completed its final mission in March. *Endeavour*, which was scheduled to launch this week, was postponed due to a technical malfunction. *Atlantis*’ mission will mark the end of the Space Shuttle program in June, eliminating independent U.S. access to the International Space Station, as the remaining workforce transitions to other space programs or out of the industry, entirely.

Relative to the NASA budget and their FY11 allocation within the CR, the agency fared quite well, considering the state of our overall economy. NASA received \$18.485 billion which was \$241million less than its FY10 appropriation and \$516 million less than the Administration’s request. Funding at \$1.2 billion was appropriated to the Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV) to continue existing vehicle development activities to meet the requirements of section 303 of the NASA Authorization of 2010. In addition, \$1.8B was allocated to the development of a Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle (HLLV) with a minimum 130 ton lift capability. Retaining both of these budget items resulted in reductions to the controversial space

technology and commercial development programs. Interesting to note, was language in the CR forbidding NASA and/or the Administration to use any funds for engagement with China, including hosing of visitors. Though it is only a short-term deterrent to partnership discussions, it was done to make a strong statement in reaction to NASA's engagement with China this past year, despite Congressional opposition.

**CARING FOR AMERICA**  
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Thank you all your outpouring of support for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Galveston County. We are continuing to reach out in the month of May to help CPC with their mission of saving the unborn and teaching parenting skills.

Any of the following items will be greatly appreciated:

- Birthday cards for moms and babies. Baby cards can be post cards.
- Stamps 1st class and postcard values - will use up all those odd stamps from old rates everyone has hanging around but never uses!
- 1/2" and 1" 3-ring Binders, preferably the kind where you can insert an outside title sheet
- Post-it note Tape flags - Green, Red, Yellow and Blue (color coding for our files)
- 1/3 cut file folders (letter size)
- Brother (Brand) PZ Touch labeling tape - all sizes and colors
- scratch pads
- Legal Pads
- Bic stic pens - Blue or Black
- Scotch tape (desk rolls)
- Pocket Folders

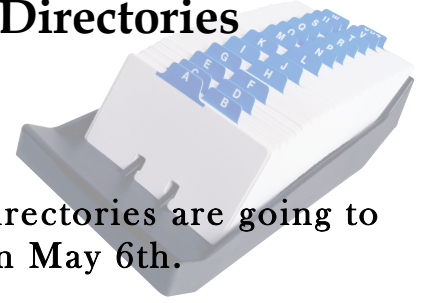
As long as it is clean and in decent shape, most of this stuff doesn't have to be new - can be odds and ends hanging around - or stuff found at yard sales, going out of business sales!

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On another note. An organization called Shelter Alliance will donate money to a Women's Shelter of our choice for old cell phones. We would like to begin collecting as many as we can - the more we collect, the more money we can donate. So, as you visit your friends and family over the summer, ask them if they have any old cell phones, smartphones, iPhones, etc. they want to get rid of. We will start collecting them at our August meeting. Have a safe and happy summer. See you in August!

*Bonnie Wilson,*  
*Community Outreach Chairman*

## New CCRW Directories Are Here!



The new club directories are going to be passed out on May 6th.

The new directories are printed and ready to be passed out on May 6 at the regular meeting.

Everyone come and get your Directory!

### CCRW 2011 officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Sarah Von Dran</b>	<b>281-482-2990</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership</b>	<b>Michelle Slaughter</b>	<b>281 667-4128</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP Programs</b>	<b>Tommye Randolph</b>	<b>713-299-3128</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Penny Ignazio</b>	<b>281-334-4418</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Natalie Roth</b>	<b>281-538-2417</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lesley Bruemmer</b>	<b>832-632-2880</b>
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Betty Suagee</b>	<b>281-332-</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Bonnie Wilson</b>	<b>281-332-8039</b>
<b>Chaplin</b>	<b>Norma Byous</b>	<b>281-332-4681</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Frances Nussbaum</b>	<b>281-990-0099</b>
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Jeannie Krantz</b>	<b>713-259-9022</b>

**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC  
Galveston County, Texas  
2011 Membership Application**

Please **print** legibly. Please complete all the requested information.

All information is needed for CCRW to contact members and make reports to TFRW.

Full Member \$25.00     New     Renewal

Associate Member \$15.00

Associate members are women who have primary membership in another Republican club or any men.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_ Circle which phone is best to call    H    C    W

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month/day ) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another Republican Club?     Yes     No

If yes, which club? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about CCRW? \_\_\_\_\_

Prior political activities \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help on the following committees:

Audit     Awards     By-Laws     CCRW Directory     Campaigns     Historian

Hospitality     ICM Tree     Legislation     Newsletter     Telephone

Publicity     Ways and Means     Web     Community Outreach

Complete and mail to Lesley Bruemmer, CCRW Pac Treasurer,  
2301 Meadows, League City, Texas 77573 or bring to CCRW Meeting 11:30 am on the first Friday  
of the month August through May. Meetings are held at the Esteban's Fiesta Shack,  
in back of Esteban's, 402 West Main, League City, Texas.

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_    **F A**