

# Clear Creek Republican Women



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

## May 2004 Newsletter

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### May 7th Meeting

Kathy Haigler, State Republican Executive Committeewoman, Senate District 11, will be our speaker this month. She will educate us on the upcoming State Convention. Kathy chairs the State Party's Executive Campaign Committee, is a Precinct Chair, Election Judge, and serves on the Ethics Committee of the Harris County Republican Party. Additionally, Kathy is the Executive Director of the Texas Eagle Education Fund, a statewide conservative non-partisan public policy organization whose mission is to enable conservative and pro-family men and women to participate in the process of self-government and public policy-making so that America will continue to be a land of individual liberty, respect for family integrity, public and private virtue, and private enterprise.



Katie Benoit

It's time to rally at our CCRW meeting. It doesn't matter if you are going to the convention for the umpteenth time, a first timer, or you don't know anything about conventions and staying home, you need to hear our speaker, Kathy Haigler. Come learn about what to expect at a State Convention: how the committees work, how delegates are elected, how the platform is formed, who is up for election, what the "hot" topics are, getting around the facilities, the agenda. See you Friday, May 7th!

### Summer Vacation

There will be *no* CCRW meetings in June and July. We look forward to seeing you at our next scheduled meeting **Friday, August 6th, 2004**. Have a wonderful summer.

### Congratulations

CCRW wishes to congratulate our two newly elected Constables: our very own member, Pam Matranga, Precinct 7, and Jerry Fisher, Precinct 8.

Kathie



### From the President

It is time to rally around our newly elected Galveston County Chairman, Chris Stevens. Chris will be setting up a campaign office that will be open daily. He has asked that the Republican clubs of Galveston County pick a day of the week to man the telephone. We will have two hour shifts in order to make it easy for our members to volunteer. Look at your schedules, and be ready to step up to help our party.

It's time to rally around our Republican nominees. Because we will not have CCRW meetings in June and July, it doesn't mean that you can just bask in the sun. This is a great time to register your neighbors while at the pool or at the library. The evenings are long and pleasant enough to walk new neighborhoods making sure that everyone is registered to vote in the November election. Host a pool or block party and introduce your favorite candidate to your neighbors.

It's time to rally at the State Republican convention in fun filled San Antonio. Enthusiasm is contagious. Delegates and Alternates from across the state convene to hear inspirational speeches and elect those who will guide our state party. After the November election, the Texas delegation will be the most powerful in the country.

### 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

Awards.....	Linda Mahanay
By-Laws.....	Catharin Lewis
Campaigns.....	Kathy Rogers
Chaplin.....	Shirley Hendrickson
Community Outreach.....	Madonna Crame
Historian.....	Pam Kinser
Hospitality.....	Celia Mabry
Legislative.....	Shirley Hendrickson
Newsletter.....	Cheryl E. Johnson
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Publicity.....	Jane Couch
Telephone Committee.....	Almeda Wallingford
.....	Norma Byous
.....	Sylvia Jackson
.....	Bernice Linck
.....	Niki Stevens
Voter Registration.....	Kathy Rogers
Ways and Means.....	Norma Byous

# Calendar

## Galveston County Young Republicans, May 3, 2004

Program: Cheryl E. Johnson, County Tax Assessor/Collector Candidate  
League City Annex, 174 Calder Road . Doors open at 6:30 pm, program begins at 7:00 pm

## Galveston Island Pachyderm, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Gaidos Restaurant 3800 Seawall Blvd. 11:30 am



## Clear Creek Republican Women, May 7, 2004

Program: Kathy Haigler, SREC, Senate District 11  
Fiesta Shack behind Esteban's Café & Cantina 11:30 am, Lunch \$10, Noon Meeting



## CCRW Board Meeting, May 7, 2004

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

## City & Special District Elections, May 15, 2004

Check newspapers for voting locations.

## Galveston RW & Sandpiper RW, May 19, 2004

Come help GRW celebrate its 49th year  
Landry's Seafood House 12:00 am

## Republican Network, May 20, 2004

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

## Bay Area Republican Women, May 26, 2004

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



## Money Matters

### Clear Creek Republican Women, PAC

Beginning Balance	\$1,668.33
Petty Cash	+ 182.75
Balance April 2004	\$1,851.08

Darlene Anene



## Legislation Watch

### FEDERAL

The following message came recently from the American Family Association Online, Founded by Donald Wildmon. We've discussed this topic before, but the twists and turns this has taken through Congress has been amazing. Now, as you will read below, our Senators are "taking the high road" in only referring to the Federal Marriage Amendment as a "defense of marriage" act, so as not to offend the homosexuals. How can one take a high road by doing a low thing? Can you believe that? It is my considered opinion that some of our Congress-critters need to be reminded that God made the first marriage with Adam and Eve...NOT Adam and Steve. Therefore, I'll use that as my "litmus test" for casting my votes in the next election. I hope you will add your voice to mine and also call your Senators and Representatives. The voters hold the cards during an election season. If those running for office see that we are behind this amendment and that we outnumber those who are in favor of gay marriage, they will do the right thing and pass the Defense of Marriage Amendment.

### Congress Set to Kill Federal Marriage Amendment: Fear Homosexual Backlash

It appears that an attempt to pass a constitutional amendment to define marriage as being between one man and one woman is

about to die in committee. Most members of Congress simply don't want to deal with this issue, either because they support homosexual marriage or they fear a backlash from the homosexual community. Dying in committee accomplishes exactly what those who support homosexual marriage want. **They will leave it to an un-elected judge to declare homosexual marriage legal.** That will keep Senators and Representatives from having to go on record for or against, which is exactly what they want. Of course, that will also mean the end of marriage as it has been defined since the beginning of recorded history. And, ultimately, the end of the family as the basic unit in society.

I plead with you to call (202-224-3121) or email your Senators and Congressman today and tell them to support the Federal Marriage Amendment. Members of Congress are running scared. **Even those who support the amendment are quivering.** Said one senator: "If we talk about same-sex relationships or homosexuality we look mean spirited. It has been decided that we take the high road and only talk about traditional marriage being the cornerstone of civilization. That is the way we will go." It is amazing that they want to talk about a marriage amendment without mentioning the reason for the need of an amendment!!

Without a massive campaign urging members of Congress to vote for the Federal Marriage Amendment, the bill will die in committee. That way, no Senator or Representative will have to go on record as opposing or supporting the FMA. Call your Senators and Congressman today (202-224-3121) and tell them to support the Federal Marriage Amendment. Do this even if you have done it before! **The battle for marriage will be decided within the next six months.** The House and Senate switchboard number is 202-224-3121. It will only cost you about 40 cents. Those seeking to destroy marriage are calling by the thousands! Their voice is the only one being heard by members of Congress.

Shirley Hendrickson



## Membership Memo

A great, big, Texas-size welcome to new member, Mary Orsak. She comes to us from Louisiana where she was very active in the Republican Women of SW Louisiana. When I say active ....I mean ACTIVE. She has served as chaplain, ways & means, publicity, and membership, just to name a some of the ways she has served.

Also, welcome to new dual member, Deborah Winters-Chaney. She's a Realtor, living in Friendswood. We are so glad that you're part of our club, Deborah. Welcome back to Gareth Nenniger, one of our most faithful Associate members. (Thanks, Kathie.) We now have 44 full members, 8 dual members and 7 associates.

I would like to say thank you to each and every member who either brought or invited ladies to CCRW meetings. Our club has some of the hardest working people who not only have helped CCRW grow, but also the Republican Party here in Galveston County. Although, we may not be meeting in June and July, that does not mean we won't have anything to do. There will be fairs and parades and other events where we can continue to promote our Republican values and ideals. I would like to encourage everyone to contact, Chris Stevens, the new Galveston County chairman and volunteer to keep the momentum going through the November election. We have three county-wide races that we can take if we just keep on keeping on...and of course, **reelect our great president, George W. Bush!**

I know there are former members who "intend" to rejoin, but have

just not gotten around to it. This is a special "Round-to-it" invitation to come join us Friday, May 7th at Estebans. We miss you!!!! God bless each one of you and have a great and safe summer.

Bonnie Wilson

Editor's Note: A round "tuit" has been provided on page 4

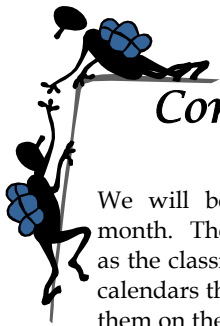


## Campaigns

### Volunteer Information - URGENT

Please send your volunteer hours to Sylvia Jackson (if your last name starts with A - M) or Kathy Rogers (N - Z). All we need is the total number of hours you spent working on political issues from January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004. If you made phone calls for a candidate, hosted a coffee, put up signs, handed out flyers, registered voters, got deputized to register voters, attended the "Nuts and Bolts seminar", or participated in any other campaign activity, you can count the hours (from door to door, not counting errands like lunch in Galveston). Paid work at a poll (unless you turned your money over to the Party) does not count. Attending meetings does not count. There is a form in the CCRW yearbook, but we will take e-mail, phone calls, slips of paper, interpretive dance or whatever method conveys your name, the quarter the hours were worked and the number of hours. You do not have to detail the activities. If you have any questions about what activities count, contact Kathy Rogers or Kathie Nennering.

Kathy Rogers



## Community Outreach

### Books for Devereux

We will be collecting books for Devereux again this month. They are in special need of poetry books as well as the classics. Also, please bring any colorfully pictured calendars that you might have. The students love to hang them on their lockers. Tommye Randolph will have a box at the entrance for your generous donations.

Madonna Crame



## Voter Registration

CCRW's recent Voter Registration resulted in 9 new registered voters (3 in Galveston County and 6 in Harris County). We also distributed 15 forms (plus one since then) to interested voters. Mary Burney and Kathy Rogers (along with Kathy's daughter, Julie) staffed the booth at the Friendswood Kroger on 2351 and 518 on Saturday April 10 from 11-2. Many thanks to Kroger management for their support; they also allowed us to leave forms in the break room for employees.

Madonna Crame and Kathy will be at the Galveston County League City Annex Tuesday April 27 from 11-1. We know they have forms inside, but Commissioner Clark suggested that the taxpayers who visit at the beginning and end of each month aren't necessarily thinking about voter registration, so our presence there could get some of those taxpayers to vote! If we have success like our early April date at Kroger, we might want to consider being at that location other weekdays the first and last week of each month.

We will be registering voters in Santa Fe sometime this summer. Other locations we've got permission (but no dates set) are: League City Library, San Jac South, Randall's in League City, and Tommye Randolph's subdivision. If you live in an area where there are a lot of new voters (people who have recently moved in) let us know. We are also trying to figure out how to register voters at the Village Fair (the issue is that Galveston County will not allow us to reveal our party or candidate affiliation).

Call or e-mail Kathy Rogers if you have a location you think we should contact, if you need information on how to get deputized, if you'd like to help at a booth, if you have any ideas about the Village Fair, or for any other Voter Registration questions you might have.

Kathy Rogers

## A Word From Chris

### Election Worker Training - Schedule Alert

We need to make sure that election workers for all elections in Galveston County are as thoroughly trained and prepared as possible. Galveston County Clerk Mary Ann Daigle arranged for two training sessions (one held prior to publication). The (remaining) session will be conducted by a professional from "McKenzie Voter Training Service" and will address a wide array of election procedures including Posting Notice Changes, Qualifying Voters, New Provisional Voting Procedures, Pollwatchers, First Time Voter Procedures, SETTING UP and CLOSING a polling location, and delivery of voted materials.

I want to make sure that as many as possible of the election workers around the county attend. Even if you are not sure that you are going to be an election worker this cycle, it is important to get the knowledge about proper elections procedures out there. You never know when a last minute change will cause you to be called on.

Saturday, May 1	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	League City Annex 174 Calder Road
Tuesday, May 18	7:00 pm	Alvin City Library 105 S. Gordon, Alvin

Chris Stevens

## In the News

### Vote, Vote, Vote

League City and Friendswood will be voting on their city councils. Friendswood will also be voting on Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District. Check newspapers for other possible election information. Make your voices heard.

<b>League City Early Voting</b>	April 28 through May 11
City Hall	8:00am - 6:00pm Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 12:00pm Friday

### **Election Day**



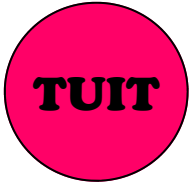
May 15, 2004 7:00am to 7:00pm
Pct#1 Hall Elementary School 5931 Meadowside
Pct#2 Ross Elementary School 2401 West Main
Pct#3 League City Civic Center 400 West Walker
Pct#4 League City Elementary 709 E. Wilkins
Pct#5 Ferguson Elementary 910 South Compass Rose Blvd.



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**You have just received a round "tuit" as a friendly membership reminder**

<b>Friendswood City &amp; Drainage District Early Voting</b>	April 28 through May 11,
City Hall	8:00am – 6:00pm Monday - Thursday
	8:00am - 12:00pm Friday
<b>Election Day</b>	May 15, 2004 7:00am to 7:00pm
	City Hall

### CCRW Participates in CCISD Communication Audit

It was a dark and rainy afternoon. The power in League City was out in most areas. But that didn't stop four members of CCRW from participating in a Communication Audit for Clear Creek ISD. Because it was held at their wonderful Technology Center, the power was on. Our members were able to express their views concerning how CCISD disseminates information to their taxpayer base. This audit took place on the heels of the recent bond election. The District has already implemented one of our suggestions: the insertion of the Communicator in the Houston Chronicle Wednesday's neighborhood section. A special thanks goes to Greta Hockersmith, Cindy Seidensticker, Catharin Lewis, and Kathie Nenninger for their participation and braving the elements.



## Book Review

### Shut Up and Sing

Shut Up and Sing is an admonition by talk host and conservative writer, Laura Ingraham, to those in the entertainment industry to quit displaying their ignorance and their biases by speaking on political topics. Ingraham writes in the same irreverent, entertaining, and enlightening style that she uses on her morning talk show (KSEV 700 AM 9-11). She exposes the hypocrisy of left on such issues as tolerance where they lobby for all things deviant although they condemn anything patriotic or Christian. She also points out that the "limousine liberals" want us to give up our SUVs while they travel around town in motor homes! She documents her arguments, with complete footnotes at the end of the book. Her humor-infused work also exposes the liberal-leaning media for what they are, the mouthpiece of the Democratic Party. She identifies many of the failures of the UN and the folly of

entrusting our national security to that organization. Her point is that singers (or actors or entertainers of any type) are just that, entertainers, and those with little or no education should not be given a political platform by the mainstream media (in most cases, just to cover up the guilt about being so rich and working so little). I got this book for Christmas and read it in only a couple of days. I highly recommend it!

It is available at the Friendswood, League City, and Harris County library, or in hard cover at Barnes and Noble or amazon.com. Next month, Bernice Cheney and I will compare our thoughts on Susan Olson's Final Days.

*Kathy Rogers*



## From the Editor

Your legislators need to hear your voice on property tax relief. Please write, call, or email today!

### **Senator Mike Jackson (R-TX 11th)**

**Web Site:** [www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist11/dist11.htm](http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist11/dist11.htm)

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### **Representative Larry Taylor (R-TX 24th)**

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*"Organize the whole state so that every Whig can be brought to the polls...Divide the country into small districts and appoint in each a sub-committee...Make a perfect list of all the voters and ascertain with certainty for whom they will vote...Keep a constant watch on the doubtful voters and have them talked to by those in whom they have the most confidence...and on election day see that every Whig is brought to the polls."*

*Abraham Lincoln, February 21, 1840*