

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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### CCRW JANUARY 4th GUEST SPEAKER

Beverly Roberts



Beverly Roberts served as the Texas Legislative Liaison for Concerned Women for American from 2001-2011 and serves on the CWA Council. Beverly is currently the director of Concerned Women for America of South Texas.

She graduated from the University of Tulsa in 1969 with a degree in Education and Sociology.

After working a year at Southwestern Bell she and her now deceased husband started a family and she became a full-time mother and homemaker. Her husband was working for Exxon and in 1974 they traveled overseas to four different countries.

While living abroad, she began advocating for conservative causes and joined Concerned Women for America while in Colombia.

After moving to Houston in 1996, she became more involved in politics and in 2002 became a member of Village Republican Women. During her ten years with VRW, she served as Membership Chairman, Awards Chairman, Secretary and President.

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN WILL MEET FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2013, AT ESTEBAN'S FIESTA SHACK AT 11:00 A.M.

She and husband, Charles, live in Houston and have six children (a blended family) and twelve grandchildren.

Today, she will be sharing with us "How to Lobbying from your Kitchen Table."

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### Concerned Women for America

Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the nation's largest public policy women's organization. Founded by Beverly LaHaye 30 years ago, it has help it's members across the country bring Biblical principles into all levels of public policy.

The Beverly LaHaye Institute (BLI) focuses on women's issues from a conservative, Biblical perspective.

CWA focuses on six core issues: the family, the sanctity of human life, religious liberty, education, pornography and national sovereignty, as well as national political commentary and reports about recent United Nations activities.

CWA's membership consists of half a million women and like-minded men from all walks of life. We are a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization with members affiliated with several political parties and/or religious denominations. [www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org)

**MINUTES OF  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Christmas Luncheon and Officer Installation  
December 7, 2012**

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women Annual Christmas meeting to order at noon on December 7, 2012 at Tad Akers event facility in League City.

Randy Weber, U.S.Rep. District 14, led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Dennis Paul, SREC SD 11.

Sarah introduced the elected officials and guests attending.

Sarah recognized TFRW Vice President Membership, Judy Parada. She then recognized the 2012 officers and committee chairmen and presented them gifts expressing her gratitude for their support during her term as president.

Barbara Meeks, Immediate Past President, presented Sarah a gift of appreciation from members.

Sarah listed the many accomplishments CCRW members contributed to the community, county and state within the last two years.

Sarah introduced the guest speaker, Dr Robin Armstrong, Texas Republican National Committeeman. Scheduled speaker Toni Ann Dashiell could not attend

due to illness. Dr Armstrong installed the CCRW 2013 Officers. They are as follows: President, Bonnie Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Membership, Kerri Foley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Programs, Roxann Lewis, Recording Secretary, Rebecca Allcorn, PAC Treasurer, Lesley Bruemmer, Corresponding Secretary, Natalie Roth.

Newly elected President Bonnie Wilson introduced her Committee Chairmen.

They are as follows: Community Outreach, Kathleen McCumber, Hospitality, Cheryl Faircloth, Publicity, Evelyn Garland, Awards, Kathy Nenninger, Chaplain, Dolly Schroeder. Committee Chairmen not in attendance: Assistant Chaplain, Arlene Taylor, Legislative/Federal, Gina Gentile, Legislative/State, Loretta Roberts, Newsletter, Jean Sargent.

**Announcements**

Barbara Meeks announced Galveston Republican Party Annual Lincoln Day Dinner is March 2, 2013.

Sarah wished all a merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Next meeting will be Friday, January 4, 2013 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Allcorn,  
CCRW Secretary

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

What do you think of when you hear "Lobbying" or "Lobbyist"? Does it conjure up smoke-filled backroom

wheeling's and dealing's between elected officials and unscrupulous companies and interest group?

Maybe those kind of dealings do happen, however, every time we write, email or call our elected representative our congressman, we are "lobbying."

Today our speaker, Beverly Roberts, will give us tips and tools to be more effective lobbyist. Remember President Teddy Roosevelt's admonition, "walk softly, but carry a big stick" .

The election may be over, but our job has just begun. (And there is always the next one). As the new Legislative sessions convene in January, there will be many issues facing them and many voices vying to be heard. As informed voters, we want to be equipped to communicate effectively with our elected congressmen or congresswomen. We need to let them know our concerns as well as thank them for job well done.

Together we can make a difference.

Bonnie Wilson  
CCRW President



**GALVESTON COUNTY GOP  
CELEBRATES VICTORIES**

Barbara Meeks, Party  
Chairman

2012 has been a whirlwind year for your local Republican Party! It has been a year of court-decided redistricting (both state and local), a record-breaking (and most unusual) Primary, and a year of

election victories and losses. While we are deeply saddened over the loss of the White House and of House District 23, we are joyous for fifteen local victories.

This year Republicans gained four new seats in Galveston County; we were one of 23 counties to gain the Sheriff seat and one of 66 counties to gain a County Commissioner. In fact Galveston County has its first Republican Sheriff and the first Republican Precinct 1 County Commissioner! Statewide Galveston County was the only county to gain two District Judge seats! We can also celebrate an increase in voter turnout and a HUGE increase in straight ticket votes: from 30,347 in 2010 to over 44,000 this year!

Your Galveston County Republican Party worked diligently toward these victories! The GCRP mailed flyers to 24,000 Independent households, one of which also went to 16,000 Republican homes. Thanks to our successful fundraising efforts the mailers were sent at no cost to our Republican candidates!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JANUARY 1, 2013** – 10:00 A.M.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS, Jury Assembly Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, County Justice Center, 600 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Galveston. Reception to follow at Fisherman's Wharf.

**JANUARY 4, 2013** – 9:30 A.M. CCRW BOARD MEETING

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – CCRW GENERAL MEETING - ESTEBAN'S FIESTA SHACK, 402 W. MAIN, LEAGUE CITY

**JANUARY 15, 2013 – 9:30 A.M.**

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL FEDERATED  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN (GHC)  
Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road,  
Houston, Texas

**FEBRUARY 19, 2013** – 9:30 A.M.

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL “NUTS N BOLTS”  
SEMINAR - Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt  
Road, Houston, Texas

**MARCH 2, 2013** – GALVESTON COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN PARTY LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Guest Speaker, Cal Thomas  
[www.galvestongop.org](http://www.galvestongop.org)

**APRIL 18, 2013** – TEXAS FEDERATION  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN (TFRW) LEGISLATIVE DAY,  
AUSTIN [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

**MAY 17-18, 2013** – NATIONAL FEDERATION  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN, (NFRW) REGION 4,  
CONFERENCE AT MARRIOTT SUGAR LAND  
TOWN SQUARE [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

**OCTOBER 14 – 20, 2013** – TFRW BIENNIAL  
CONVENTION, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

We would like to welcome full members,  
Renee Ayers, Julie Cooper and Patricia Grady,  
and associate members Scott Aldridge, Todd  
Bruemmer, Brian Burnett, Jonathan Kieschnick,  
Jane Rigsby, and Douglas Wologo.

We also want to welcome those members who  
took a brief sabbatical, but renewed their  
membership. WELCOME BACK.

If you already have renewed your 2013 CCRW  
membership – thank you. For those who have  
not yet renewed, you can bring the attached  
Membership Form to the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting or  
mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

COME JOIN US FRIDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
ESTEBAN’S FIESTA SHACK (behind Esteban’s  
Restaurant)

Come find out how you could be spending a  
free, fun-filled weekend in historical Kemah  
next Christmas.

You don’t want to miss the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting!  
It will be filled with fun, friends and food.

LAST CALL FOR CELL PHONES, IPHONES,  
SMARTPHONES, ETC.  
THE MONEY WE GET WILL BENEFIT  
BAY AREA WOMEN’S SHELTER  
PLEASE BRING TO JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

**FOCUS ON THE OUTCOME  
IMAGINE OUR IMPACT**





**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC  
Galveston County, Texas  
2013 Membership Application**

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

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Member \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Member since \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Member of another Club? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, name of club \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would like to help with the following (Please check all that interest you)

Audits\_\_\_ Awards\_\_\_ By-Laws\_\_\_ CCRW Directory\_\_\_ Historian\_\_\_

Hospitality\_\_\_ Legislation\_\_\_ Newsletter\_\_\_ Community Outreach\_\_\_ Website\_\_\_

Parliamentarian\_\_\_ Publicity\_\_\_ Ways & Means\_\_\_ Campaign Activities\_\_\_

Hobbies/Areas of Interest/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail membership application and check to:  
Lesley Bruemmer, CCRW PAC Treasurer, 2301 Meadows, League City, Texas 77573

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Dues and donations paid to CCRW PAC are not tax deductible