

CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MARCH, 2014 NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND CONVENTIONS

The Primary election is in full swing. For months we have had the opportunity to hear from our candidates, to find out where they stand on the issues that matter to us. But now it's time go to the polls and vote for your choice.

Early voting began Tuesday, February 18 and continues through Friday, February 28. If you have not yet voted, you can still vote on Tuesday, March 4.

For polling locations, ballot sample and times log on to the Galveston County website at www.galvestonvotes.org. Follow the prompts and it will take you to your personalized

ballot. You can print it and take it into the polling locations to help you as you vote.

The Primary Election Day voting will be conducted using Countywide Vote Centers. This means voters in Galveston County may vote at any of the **39 Election Day polling locations**. You no longer need to go to a specific polling place. Remember you have to have a picture ID.

The most important thing to do is vote, but the next step is to attend the conventions.

The first is the Precinct Convention which will be held after the polls close on Election Day,

Elected Officers

President	Bonnie Wilson
1 st VP	Loretta Roberts
2 nd VP	Roxann Lewis
Secretary	Jean Sargent
Treasurer	Lesley Bruemmer
Correspondence Secretary	Mary Horn

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Awards	Tommye Randolph
Publicity	Ginger Grutzius
Newsletter	Lisa E. Howard
Outreach	Kathleen McCumber
Campaign Activities	Martha Pierson
Hospitality	Barbara Vollmer
Historian	Paula Villeneuve
Chaplain	Arlene Taylor
Immediate Past President	

March 4th at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Precinct Convention is to select delegates to the County Convention. You will also have the opportunity to present resolutions which will then be forwarded to the Galveston County Republican Party Headquarters for consideration by the Resolution (Platform) Committee.

The next convention is your County Convention, which is scheduled for March 22, at Barber Middle School, 5651 FM 517 East, in Dickinson. At the County Convention, delegates will be selected to

represent Galveston County GOP at the State Party Convention, as well as vote on resolutions to help shape the County's platform. These Resolutions will then be forwarded to the State Party Resolution (Platform) Committee.

The State Party Convention will be held, June 5-7, 2014, in Ft. Worth. For information about the convention and convention process logon to their website:
www.texasgop.org.

It starts with you. This is your opportunity to help shape the Republican Party from the

ground up. This is an opportunity for the grassroots of the Party to let their voices be heard. Remember, it is "*We the people.*".

*Bonnie Wilson, President
Clear Creek Republican Women*



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

March 4	Primary Election Day
May 19 – 23	Runoff Early Election
May 27	Primary Runoff Election Day
November 4	General Election Day

For ballots, polling locations and times go to: www.galvestonvotes.org

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CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

AT

LA BRISIA'S RESTAURANT
501 WESLEY DRIVE, LEAGUE CITY
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DR. RAFAEL CRUZ – GUEST SPEAKER



COME HEAR HIS COMPELLING STORY ABOUT HOW
HE ESCAPED COMMUNIST CUBA

Lunch - \$15.00 (optional)

Menu Choices: Baked Fish or Stuffed Chicken

Reservations a Must – Seating is Limited

Make reservations at:
reservations.ccrw@gmail.com or call 713-208-9527
by Monday, March 3rd



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Dr. Rafael Cruz To Speak at Clear Creek Republican Women's Club

Dr. Rafael Cruz was born in Cuba and immigrated to this country over 55 years ago to flee an oppressive communist regime. He is an ordained minister, sharing the Word of God in churches and Pastors Conferences throughout the United States. He is also the president of Kingdom Translation Services, Today Rafael Cruz is a pastor at a church in Dallas and serves as the Director of Purifying Fire Ministries ministering in the U.S., Mexico, and Central America. He is also a Bible and Theology professor and the president of Kingdom Translation Services.

Pastor Rafael Cruz is a powerful example of the American Dream. Born in Cuba, Cruz lived and suffered under a cruel, oppressive dictator. He fought in the revolution and was imprisoned and tortured. He began fighting Batista's regime as a teenager and was imprisoned and tortured simply because he wanted to be free.

He fled Cuba in 1957, at the age of 18, arriving, in Austin, Texas, penniless and not speaking a word of English with nothing but the clothes on his back and one hundred dollars sewn into his underwear.

He got a job as a dishwasher, making 50 cents an hour, and worked his way through the University of Texas, while learning English. He later built a small business in further pursuit of the American Dream and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2005.

He is the father of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, and like any father, is very proud of his son. When the younger Cruz (*U.S. Senator Ted Cruz*) was a child growing up in Houston, his dad would tell him, "When we faced oppression in Cuba, I had a place to flee to. If we lose our freedom here, where do we go?"

Please come and hear Pastor Cruz's compelling story of his escape from Cuba and his amazing journey in the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

For more information logon to www.clearcreekrw.org or email Bonnie Wilson, President ccrwpresident@comcast.net.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE



BATTLELINES ARE DRAWN

YOU are a vital part of the plan to Keep Texas Red!

Democrat's Battleground Texas Strategy

Jeremy Bird started campaign to win Texas in January 2013. Jeremy Bird is the Senior Adviser to Battleground Texas and a founding partner at 270 Strategies. He is a longtime grassroots organizer who most recently served as the National Field Director for the 2012 campaign to re-elect President Barack Hussein Obama

Democrat Plan

1. Create and implement the Obama campaign's neighborhood team organizing model—an approach which transformed organizing in presidential politics by merging people-focused community organizing with empower and inclusive digital technology and cutting edge analytics.
2. Has paid community organizers in all major cities in Texas with an objective to register 650,000 new voters by Nov. 2014.
3. The organizers since January, 2013, have been hiring and organizing their people to put in place thousands of Deputy Registrar, who can register voters, across the country. These Deputies will register the 650,000 new voters.
4. How will they do that? They will visit all minority churches in their area, food banks, welfare offices, and local minority events to sign up and register new voters; get their phone numbers and email addresses
5. Establish block captains who will ensure their streets will vote.

REPUBLICAN ACTION PLAN

Unless we can engage more conservatives to become actively involved to counteract the Democrats and specifically Jeremy Bird, they will be successful... if not in 2014 then in 2016 or 2018. They are committed to defeat us and will spend the money and resources to make it happen.

Your Action Plan:

1. Become a Deputy Voter Registrar so you can register people you know to vote!
2. Become a Block Captain in your neighborhood and get them engaged in the election process!
3. Work with your Precinct Chair to get the Conservative Republican message out in your neighborhood! Get your friends and help block walk for Republican Nominees this summer and
4. Help promote the most experienced and most conservative REPUBLICAN candidates!
5. Get involved! Join a Republican group! Join one of three Republican Women organizations, the Republican Network, the Mid County Republican Network, the Galveston Island Pachyderm Club or the new Hispanic Republicans of Texas chapter. You can also volunteer at Republican Headquarters on I-45 in mid County.

Barbara Meeks, Chair
Galveston County Republican Party
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CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

February 7, 2014

President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women (the "Club") meeting to order at 12:00 Noon Central Standard Time on February 7, 2014 at La Brisa Mexican Restaurant in League City. The Club's Chaplain, Arlene Taylor, led the invocation and Patricia Grady 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 introduced and welcomed guests.

Vice President of Programs, Roxann Lewis, moderated a J. P. Precincts 1 and 2 Candidate Forum. Candidates participating were Toni Randall (Incumbent), Stephanie Barnett and Allison Cox for Precinct 1; and Jim Schweitzer (Incumbent) and Jason O'Brien for Precinct 2. After the forum Ms. Lewis announced that Dr. Rafael Cruz, father to Senator Ted Cruz, would speak at the Club's March meeting.

The business meeting resumed at 12:52 pm.

The minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting were approved as printed in the Club's February newsletter.

The Club's Treasurer had to leave early due to illness, so there was no Treasurer's Report.

New Business: After asking members to review the Club's proposed Budget for 2014, copies of which had been given to members at check-in, President Bonnie Wilson called for questions and/or discussion. There being none, motion was duly made, seconded and adopted to approve the Budget as printed.

Announcements © February 12: Galveston Republican Women Candidate Forum © February 15: Galveston County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner. (Penny Ignazio announced that the deadline for purchasing tickets had been extended to Wednesday, February 12; Fay Picard requested silent auction items.) © February 18-28: Early Voting for Primary Election © March 4: Primary Election Day (Following the closing of the polls on Election Day, Precinct Conventions will be held to appoint delegates to the Senatorial District Convention, from which delegates to the State Convention will be selected.) © March 7: CCRW Monthly Meeting at La Brisa © June 5-7: 2014 Republican State Convention to be held at Fort Worth Convention Center (see RPT website) © Several candidates invited attendees to meet-and-greet and fundraising events. © Reservations for lunch at CCRW meetings are a must. © Members who have not paid their dues by March 1 will be considered delinquent and unable to vote on business matters until the dues are paid.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Sargent, Recording Secretary

Birthdays!

February

- 5 Patricia Woita
- 8 Jim Schweitzer
- 16 Jennifer Burnett
- 17 Dean Listiak
- 20 Denise Beard; Joe Giusti
- 21 Douglas Wologo
- 26 Joseph Spence
- 28. Melissa Dennard; Todd Bruemmer

March

- 1 Katherine Bush
- 2 John Herrmann; Wilfried Schmitz
- 5 Janet Hoffman; Bret Griffin
- 6 Janis Lowe
- 7 Melissa Gore
- 8 E'Lisa Trevino
- 9 Doris Herrmann; Arlene Taylor
- 10 Susan Pierce
- 12 Katherine Bush
- 15 Simon Urbanic
- 20 Betty Suagee
- 28 Hon. Ryan Dennard
- 29 Tommye Randolph; Dennis Paul



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3)
TRUST GOD!

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; He is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him. (Psalm 37:39-40)

Arlene Taylor, Chaplain

Let Those Volunteer Hours Count!!!!

Please forward your volunteer hours to me as soon as possible. I need to have them by March 21st for this reporting period. Although CCRW meetings are not included, travel time can be counted. If you have been volunteering your time by campaigning, helping at Galveston County GOP Headquarters, working on committees and events, attending other campaign meetings and functions please break them down by month (Jan., Feb., and March) and send me the total. Remember full members as well as associate members may turn in hours.

My email is mrennob@yahoo.com. Also please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Martha Anne Pierson, Chairman
Campaign Activities _____

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FULL MEMBERS

Stephanie Barnett
Janice Broussard
Alison Cox

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Jason O'brien

Our membership is growing and we are almost to 70 Full Members and over 56 Associate Members. If you haven't renewed, come join us!!

Join in March and you will be listed in the 2014 Directory. Applications will be at the March meeting. Looking forward to seeing you and hearing Dr. Rafael Cruz.

Loretta Roberts
1st VP Membership

Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County Texas
2014 Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ Pct. # _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Occupation _____ Birthday (Month/Day) _____

Full Member \$25** _____ New Member _____ Renewal * _____

Associate Member \$15 _____ Member Since _____

Member of Another Club? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, name of club: _____

How did you hear about CCRW? Newspaper (name) _____

Website (name) _____ Friend (name) _____

Other (specify) _____

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

Audits _____ Awards _____ By-Laws _____ CCRW Directory _____ Historian _____

Hospitality _____ Legislation _____ Newsletter _____ Caring for America _____

Parliamentarian _____ Publicity _____ Fundraising _____ Website _____

Hobbies / Areas, Topics of Interest / Comments

Please mail membership application and check to:
Lesley Bruemmer, CCRW PAC Treasurer, 2301 Meadows, League City,
Texas 77573 Or pay by credit card at 757-839-5917

Date Paid	Check #	Cash	Amt. Paid \$
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Dues and donations are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

MARCH 4 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

2014 REPUBLICAN GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

WHEREAS, Section 172.087, Election Code specifies that, "The state executive committee may provide by resolution that a proposal to include a demand for specific legislation or any other matter in the party's platform or resolutions be submitted to a vote by placement on the general primary election ballot."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The State Republican Executive Committee submits the following propositions for inclusion on the 2014 Republican General Primary Election ballot:

**1. Texans should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places.
YES or NO**

**2. Texas should support Second Amendment liberties by expanding locations where concealed handgun license-holders may legally carry.
YES or NO**

**3. Texas should abolish the state franchise tax, also known as the margins tax, to encourage business growth.
YES or NO**

**4. Texas recipients of taxpayer-funded public assistance should be subject to random drug testing as a condition of receiving benefits.
YES or NO**

**5. All elected officials and their staff should be subject to the same laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances as their constituents.
YES or NO**

**6. The Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," should be repealed.
YES or NO**

Passed by the State Republican Executive Committee on December 7, 2013

Ballot Propositions you will see at the end of your Primary Ballot in March. These are basically opinion polls, not laws that will go into effect. They are used to help our new legislators get the pulse of the Republican Party Primary voters.

CARING FOR AMERICA/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are collecting personal hygiene items for the residents at Baywind Village Convalescent Center in League City. Some suggestions are as follows, but not limited to these items. Anything you would use for yourself or family at home would be greatly appreciated. Shampoo. Lotion body Wash, Kleenex, Wipes (baby wipes or personal hygiene wipes) Soaps

I also thought that slippers and socks might be good items to donate. This time of year those things are on sale and I know it is usually cold in the facility.

Please bring items to the March meeting.

Thank you.

Kathleen McCumber
Caring For America Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 4 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- 4 **Precinct Conventions – 7:30 p.m.**

- 7 **CCRW Monthly Meeting**, La Brisa's Mexican Restaurant, 501 Wesley, League City.
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$15.00 Lunch (optional)

Limited Seated - Reservations a must even if you do not have lunch. Contact Barbara Vollmer at reservations.ccrw@gmail.com or call 713-208-9527.

- 9 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGSTIME BEGINS**

- 11 **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

- 19 **Galveston Republican Women Meeting.** Contact Brenda Gutierrez at bgutierrez314@comcast.net or call 409-908-9707

- 20 **Republican Network - 6:30 p.m.** La Brisa's Restaurant, 501 Wesley Drive, League City (off I-45 Gulf Freeway North). Contact Paula Smith at skydiverpaula@comcast.net for more information.

- 20 **FIRST DAY OF SPRING**

MARCH

- 22 **GALVESTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.** Location: Barber Middle School, 5651 FM 517 East, Dickinson, Texas 77539. Contact GC Republican Headquarters at 281-554-8888 or go to www.galvestoncountygop.org for details.
- 26 **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
- 27 **Friendswood Republican Women's Meeting** Perry's Restaurant, Friendswood. Pay for your own lunch. Questions, please call Deborah Winters Chaney @ 281-224-7800. Hope to see you on the 27th! www.FriendswoodRW.org

