

# January 2014 Newsletter

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## Clear Creek

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year has dawned, and it is one of the most crucial years in the history of our country. We have a President governing by fiat, a Democrat Senate going along with him, and the left-leaning media has forgotten that their role is to hold government accountable. We are well on our way to a tyrannical government.

Our constitutional rights and freedoms are being eroded pen stroke by pen stroke, regulation by regulation. Our country, once again, stands at the crossroads of history. It's up to well-informed and highly-motivated citizens to put a stop to the fiasco in Washington D.C. As Edmund Burke (1729-1797) said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men [and women] to do nothing."

Our constitution was written to give "we the people" control over the government, not to give the government control over the people. The recent government shutdown is a good barometer of just how far government regulations and bureaucracy reaches into our everyday life and restricts choices we make. It is our duty to stay vigilant and encourage other like-minded Americans to register to vote and then go to the polls.

Our goals are to keep the Republican majorities we now have, to increase Republican majorities across America and take back the U.S. Senate. In the interim we have the March 4 primary, which is just as important. We must elect candidates with an eye toward our goal – the November 4 election. One of the questions we need to ask before we vote is, "Can this candidate win in the General Election?"

I think we can all agree that this is a pivotal election year. On November 4, 2014, barely eleven months from now, we will know whether we will continue on the path set by the present administration or if Americans have risen up and said, "Enough is enough".

In 1788, Mercy Otis Warren, wife of Massachusetts House Speaker James Warren, who was known as The Conscience of the American Revolution wrote, ". . . (It) obliges everyone . . . to resist the first approaches of tyranny, which at this day threaten to sweep away the rights for which the brave Sons of America have fought."



Please join us on Friday, January 10 (11:00 am - 1:00 pm) for our first meeting of 2014 at our



## NEW LOCATION

La Brisa Mexican Restaurant,  
501 Wesley Drive, League City

Buffet \$15.00 (optional)



If you want lunch, reservations are required by January 6, 2014.

Make your reservation at [reservations.ccrw@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.ccrw@gmail.com) or call Barbara J. Vollmer at 713-208-9527

## January 10 Guest Speaker

### State Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen



Dr. Bonnen has resided in Galveston County for more than twenty years since attending UTMB in 1988. After finishing his medical education with high honors, Dr. Bonnen completed his residency in neurosurgery and served as assistant professor at UTMB before founding the Texas Brain and Spine Center. He also practices at Memorial Hermann Southeast. Dr. Bonnen has served over 13,000 patients in the Gulf Coast area and beyond.

In 2003, Dr. Bonnen and his partners founded Houston Physician's Hospital and began treating patients there in mid-2005. He has served as chairman of the board since 2006. Today, the hospital provides a variety of acute and specialty care to communities throughout Southeast Texas and employs over 170 area residents. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Heritage Bank.

Dr. Bonnen grew up in Angleton and is the son of Matina and David Bonnen. He graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry. During college, Bonnen spent two summers working as a counselor at Texas Lion's Camp for handicapped children, which he credits with introducing him to both his profession as a doctor and his wife, Kim. He has continued to devote time to his church and different charitable organizations, including 13 missions with Builders without Borders of Texas and the Medical Strategic Network, a faith-based organization. Dr. Bonnen and his family have provided medical care and assisted with building schools and homes in Mexico and Panama. Dr. Bonnen has also volunteered his time, service, and talent with missions in Haiti, Cuba and the Philippines. He serves on the board and is treasurer of the Medical Strategic Network.

Since being elected in 2012, Dr. Bonnen has risen to the top as a strong conservative leader. He received awards such as the Lonestar Conservative Leader Award from the Texas Conservative Roundtable. He fought for conservative values during his first session as a State Representative and is running unopposed in the 2014 election. As a lifelong Republican, Dr. Bonnen has supported Governor Rick Perry, Congressman Pete Olson, State Senator Larry Taylor, State Representative John Davis, and several other Republican candidates and officeholders.

Dr. Bonnen and his wife, Kim, live in Friendswood and have two daughters, Lindsay and Janae, who both attended Friendswood High School. They are active members of Friendswood Community Church.



CCRW President Bonnie Wilson accepts the TFRW 2012-2013 John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence on behalf of CCRW at the 2013 Biennial Convention. She is pictured here with Attorney General Greg Abbott and TFRW President Carolyn Hodges



**Installation of New CCRW Officers for 2014**

**L-R:** Loretta Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership; Roxann Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Programs; Jean Sargent, Recording Secretary; Mary Horn, Correspondence Secretary; Lesley Bruemmer, PAC Treasurer; Bonnie Wilson, President; and Toni Anne Dashiell, Republican National Committeewoman



RNC Committeewoman Toni Anne Dashiell Pins CCRW President Bonnie Wilson at Christmas Luncheon & Installation of Officers

**CAMPAIGN / VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**If you have not submitted your campaign/volunteer hours for either the last quarter or full year (or any other time) of 2013, please do so ASAP. Our deadline is Jan. 15th, but I would like to complete it by Jan. 10.**

**I know many of you have put in long volunteer hours. We want you to get credit for all of them, but you have to let me know so they can be officially entered.**

**Thanks for all of your hard work.**

Mary Horn  
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**IMPORTANT  
 2014 ELECTION DATES**

- February 18-28:  
 Early Voting for Primary**
- March 4:  
 Primary Election Day**
- May 19-23:  
 Early Voting for Primary Runoff**
- May 27:  
 Primary Runoff**
- November 4:  
 General Election**

**2014 REPUBLICAN GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT PROPOSITIONS  
(Ballot Propositions that will be on the Republican Primary Ballot this March)**

**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.

**If you haven't renewed your membership for 2014, please do so as soon as possible. This will be a critical election year, and each of us will be needed. Application form is the last page of this newsletter.**

**See you January 10 at La Brisa!  
God bless you!**

Loretta Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership

**CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Meeks for having recruited the most members in 2013.  
Thanks, Barbara!  
Well done!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Full Members:**

Mary Kennedy  
Cindy Reddy

**Associate Members:**

Rita Ashley  
Melissa Ewing  
Byron Fulk  
Joe Giusti  
Bret Griffin  
Steven Reddy  
Debbie Guitian Roan  
Jim Schweitzer



**Clear Creek Republican Women  
General Membership Minutes  
December 6, 2013**

President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women Annual Christmas luncheon and Officer Installation meeting to order at noon on December 6, 2013 at Tad Akers in League City. Congressman Randy Weber led the invocation and Judge Barbara Roberts led the pledge of United States and the Texas pledge. President Bonnie Wilson welcomed the elected officials, candidates and guests. President Bonnie Wilson thanked Brenda Weber and the committee for organizing the CCRW Christmas luncheon. Special thanks was given to the instrumental ensemble of Jean Sargent and daughters Anna Leigh and Mary Jean for performing Christmas music during the luncheon.

The minutes of the November meeting stand approved as printed in the December newsletter. The Treasurer's Report will be filed with TEC for internal review.

President Bonnie Wilson announced the winner of the 2013 membership drive is Barbara Meeks. CCRW had a total of 18 new members sign up.

Sarah Von Dran, Immediate Past President, presented Bonnie Wilson a gift of appreciation from the members.

President Bonnie Wilson introduced Toni Anne Dashiell, RNC Committee Woman. After challenging members to "listen, learn, and lead," Toni Anne Dashiell installed the CCRW 2014 Officers. They are as follows: PAC Treasurer, Lesley Bruemmer; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Horn; Recording Secretary, Jean Sargent; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Programs, Roxann Lewis; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Membership, Loretta Roberts; President, Bonnie Wilson.

**Announcements**

**Website:** The Clear Creek Republican Women website is being updated and should be online soon.

**Membership renewal:** Submit membership dues now. President Bonnie Wilson asked everyone to renew their membership as soon as possible. President Bonnie Wilson announced that she would like to have the 2014 Directory ready by February.

**January Meeting:** Due to the New Year holiday the next CCRW meeting will be Friday, January 10, 2014. To accommodate our growing numbers the meeting will be at La Brisa in League City.

President Bonnie Wilson concluded the meeting by thanking Tad Akers and the Exodus XV Musicians (Sargent family).

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Allcorn, Recording Secretary

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 John Seidensticker**
- 7 Nicholas Long**
- 8 James Gentile**
- 8 J. D. Roberts**
- 13 Kevin Walsh**
- 15 Sharon Meier**
- 15 Hon. Joanna Sharp Dawson**
- 15 Catharin Lewis**
- 19 Holly Rumbaugh**
- 31 Jeannie Koenig**



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**CCRW Balance as of December 30:  
\$ 15,363.21**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

- 1 Happy New Year ! ! ! !**
- 10 CCRW Monthly Meeting:** 11:00 am Social, 11:30 am Lunch, 12:00 Noon Meeting. Speaker is State Representative Greg Bonnen, M.D. **NOTE NEW LOCATION:** La Brisa Mexican Restaurant, 501 Wesley Drive, League City. Reservations for optional \$15 buffet lunch are required by Monday, January 6, and can be made by contacting Barbara J. Vollmer at 713-208-9527 or [reservations.ccrw@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.ccrw@gmail.com)
- 14 Mid County Republican Network:** 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program. For location and speaker information contact Karen Stephens at 409-771-3056.
- 15 Galveston Republican Women Candidate Forum:** 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Fisherman's Wharf, Galveston. Contact Brenda Gutierrez at [Bgutierrez314@comcast.net](mailto:Bgutierrez314@comcast.net) or 409-908-9707 for details.
- 16 North County Republican Network:** 6:30 pm at La Brisa Mexican Restaurant, 501 Wesley Drive, League City. Contact Paula Smith at [skydiverpaula@comcast.net](mailto:skydiverpaula@comcast.net) for more information.
- 21 Greater Houston Council:** 9:30 am. Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt, Houston. Installation of new GHC officers and recognition of Club presidents.
- 22 Bay Area Republican Women:** 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](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)
- 23 Friendswood Republican Women:** 11:30 am at Perry's Grill, 614 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. Contact Kathy Rogers at 781-744-0929 or see [www.friendswoodrw.org](http://www.friendswoodrw.org)

### February

- 7 CCRW Monthly Meeting:** 11:00 am Social, 11:30 am Lunch, 12:00 Meeting. La Brisa Mexican Restaurant, 501 Wesley Drive, League City
- 15 Galveston County GOP 2014 Lincoln Dinner** featuring the Honorable Greg Abbott. South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd., League City. For more information see [www.galvestoncountygop.org](http://www.galvestoncountygop.org) or call 281-554-8888
- 18-28 EARLY VOTING** for 2014 Primary Election.

### March

- 4 Primary Election**

### May

- 19-23 Early Voting for Primary Runoff Election**
- 27 Primary Runoff Election**

### November

- 4 General Election**



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**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):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audits          | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws      | <input type="checkbox"/> CCRW Directory     | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality     | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter  | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for America |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Website            |                                    |

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

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

Date Paid	Check #	Cash	Amt. Paid \$
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