May 2013 Newsletter

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***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Next Regular Monthly Meeting is May 3, 2013 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack

NO Meetings in June or July

Regular Monthly Meetings begin again on August 2, 2013

President's Message: DAYS TO REMEMBER

Ah, summer!! Although it is only May, we know that summer is on it's way. It's a time when kids look forward to no more school. A time when families plan graduations, weddings, vacations, picnics, backyard barbecues, and family gettogethers. It's a break from our regular routines and schedules. A time to enjoy the outdoors after being cooped up all winter. A time to make memories.

We celebrate Mother's Day on May 12. As I reflect on my mother and what she sacrificed to raise six children, I marvel at her strength, resilience and wisdom. She exemplifies the pioneer spirit of our early founding mothers. While we do not know the names or specific contributions of many, we do know about others because they were the wives of our Founding Fathers or because events pushed them out of the shadows

they were the wives of our Founding Fathers or because events pushed them out of the shadows onto the world's stage. But each mother, from the founding of this great nation to the Civil Rights movement and beyond, in her own way, gave of herself and blazed a path for women today.

On May 18 we celebrate Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. That day was established in 1949 when our Armed Forces were unified under the Department of Defense. With wars, conflicts and threats around the world, American men and women are the first to be called upon to go into battle. We honor each one and offer our heartfelt "thank you."

Memorial Day is usually thought of as the beginning of summer. It is officially celebrated on May 30 but observed on the last Monday of May. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. On that day we honor men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Another important day that often gets overlooked is June 14, known as Flag Day. An expanded article about the origins of Flag Day is located on page 5 in this newsletter. Remember to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 16. In 1910 Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to do something to honor her father, a widower, raising six children. But her idea did not go national until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday.

The grand finale of summer celebrations is July 4, a time where communities come together all across America with fireworks, parades, picnics, fairs and political speeches. A time to commemorate that great, momentous day in 1776 when America was birthed.

As we reflect, remember and celebrate our great heritage of freedoms, we must never forget that our generation has a duty and responsibility to preserve these freedoms. In April of 1861, Fletcher Webster, son of Daniel Webster, in response to President Abraham Lincoln's call for volunteers, gave a speech urging the formation of a new regiment to meet the challenges of that time. In his speech, he reminded his listeners of the sacrifices of those who had fought in past battles. I think that, if he were giving that speech today, his conclusion to that speech would read:

"Let us show the world that the patriotism of 2013 is not less than that of the heroes of 1776 or 1861, (and) that the noble impulses of those patriot hearts have descended to us." [changes and emphasis added]

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May 3 Guest Speaker - Brandy Liss, CEO of The Arms Room

Brandy Liss is the current CEO of The Arms Room, founded in 2006 by her father, Bill James. The Arms Room is a 15-lane state-of-the-art indoor gun range and full retail facility located at 3270 Gulf Freeway in League City. The Arms Room offers concealed handgun licenses (CHL), personal protection training, and private lessons. It is the first, and currently the only NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation) Five-Star-rated range in Texas.



Brandy brings a wide variety of skills to her job as CEO. She has an MBA in Healthcare Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and Marketing. She served in the military from 1996 to 2001, when she was honorably discharged. She began her time in the military as a heavy construction equipment repairer and then switched to serve in Military Intelligence as an Analyst.

In February 2011 Brandy joined the family business, working alongside her parents, Bill and Mary James; her brother, Travis James (Director of Business Development); and her sister, Kathleen James (Director of Operations). Her role was to embrace the compliance/regulatory component to include, but not be limited to, the OSHA requirements, such as lead abatement and noise conservation. Additionally, Brandy performs all the Human Resources and payroll responsibilities. With her degree in Public Relations and Marketing, she also works in developing successful marketing and advertising strategies.

Brandy recently became involved in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's awareness campaign in honor of her father, who passed away in August 2012 from leukemia. In 2013 she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Gulf Coast Chapter, for her extraordinary fundraising efforts.

Although busy with work and community activities, Brandy still finds time to be a mom to her two beautiful children, Cameron (15) and Kaylee (6).

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April 5, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Rebecca Allcorn, Recording Secretary

President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women meeting to order at noon at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City.

Dolly Schroeder led us in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Barbara Meeks.

Bonnie introduced the 16 elected officials, 9 candidates and 11 guests attending the meeting. Bonnie welcomed Congressman Randy Weber's Washington D.C. and district office staff members.

V.P. of Programs, Roxann Lewis, asked County Commissioner Ryan Dennard to introduce our guest speaker, Galveston County Judge Mark Henry. Judge Henry shared his goals and accomplishments of reducing the size and costs of government in Galveston County.

The business meeting resumed at 12:35pm. The minutes of the March meeting were approved with no corrections.

OFFICERS REPORTS

The following officers gave their reports:

V.P. Membership: Kerri Foley reported a total of 70 members and 47 associate members. The membership contest is in effect. Encourage friends to join or renew their membership. The annual directory will be printed soon.

V.P. Programs: Roxann Lewis announced her attempts to schedule the owner of The Arms Room to speak next month. State Representative Greg Bonnen is scheduled for August.

PAC Treasurer: Lesley Bruemmer reported a balance of \$2282.93. CCRW has decided to donate \$100 to Gloria Dei Memorial Fund in honor of Lilian Norman Keeney. In honor of Borah Van Dormolen, Republican National Committeewoman, a donation of \$100 paid to the Wounded Warrior Project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee members gave their reports:

Community Outreach: Kathleen McCumber shared a list of items needed for the Summer Expression Bags for the students of the Resolve-It, Inc. Program. County Commissioner Kevin O'Brien graciously offered to cover the expenses of the items.

State Legislation: Loretta Roberts reported on current legislation bills that were filed. There are two months left of the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: Bonnie Wilson introduced CCRW Recommended Budget for 2013 as proposed by committee members Kathie Nenninger, Lesley Bruemmer, and Natalie Roth. Evelyn Garland made the motion to accept the 2013 Budget as proposed; Loretta Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ Bonnie Wilson announced:
 - the memorial service for Lilian Norman Keeney is April 6 at Gloria Dei Lutheran
 Church. Lilian Norman Keeney was a great supporter, mentor and friend to CCRW.
 - Congressman Randy Weber's Townhall meeting on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at League City Council Chambers.
 - NFRW Region 4 Conference is May 17-18 in Sugarland. All members are encouraged to attend.
- ★ Kathy Rogers informed us CCISD is considering using CSCOPE curriculum.
- **★** Barbara Meeks announced the opening of the new Galveston GOP office, May 1, 2013, 600 Gulf Freeway.
- **★** Sarah Von Dran announced Senator Ted Cruz and George P. Bush are among the guest speakers for the TFRW State Convention, October 17-19.
- ★ Announcement was made about the April 18 Legislative Day in Austin.
- ★ County Commissioner Ryan Dennard endorsed Nick Long's campaign for CCISD School Board.
- ★ Next CCRW meeting will be May 3, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

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From Campaign Activities Chair, Mary Horn

Thanks to all members and associate members who volunteered time for the first quarter of 2013. CCRW was able to turn in 1,509 hours for the first quarter! Please keep track of your hours monthly and send them to: mfmbhorn@verizon.net

CCRW Balance as of April 17: \$ 2282.93

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT for APRIL 2013

submitted by Loretta Roberts, Legislative Committee Co-chair

83rd Session is in the final 2 Months. Education continues to be a hot topic. Budget for the 2014/2015 biennium is being debated.

EDUCATION: HB 760 & SB 6 & 1406 relate to the controversial CSCOPE curriculum. Puts curriculum developed by regional service centers under approval by SBOE.

TESTING: Still much uncertainty about state testing for school accountability and graduation requirements. (STAAR) Reduce end-of-course exams needed to pass to graduate from 15 to 5. Students must also meet STAAR test score requirements to graduate.

GUN LAWS: Bill by Donna Campbell to reduce training time from 10 hours to 4-6 hours for concealed gun license.

MONEY FOR ROADS: TxDOT is heavily in debt and gas tax revenue is not enough. Most bills filed in this area haven't even gotten a hearing and only a few have moved out of committee. Legislature seems to be mainly looking at rainy day fund, gas tax money, and vehicle sales tax money to fund highway spending. Proposals making the most headway are:

- Create a "transportation infrastructure fund" by taking \$1.5 billion from the rainy day fund
- Re-allocate all or most of the \$1.5 billion gas tax money from DPS to TxDOT
- Increase vehicle registration fee by as much as \$60
- Repeal the constitutional requirement that 25% of gas tax money go to K-12 education

WELFARE DRUG TESTING: Gov. Perry is urging this legislation. A Senate Bill has cleared committee that would require new and renewing applicants to fill out a screening questionnaire. If flagged, applicant would have to submit to a drug test. If applicant is a parent and fails drug test, benefits for the entire family would be cut off and any children's payments would go to a "protective payee" such as a grandparent.

LOCAL INTEREST:

- Relating to water districts, HB 2987 filed by Rep John Davis and companion bills SB 619 and 1663 filed by Sen Larry Taylor relate to taxation by water districts. These bills in effect would remove Bayport companies from CLCWA (water authority) tax base as CLCWA does not provide sewer and water services to these areas.
- State Rep Greg Bonnen has authored HB 2700 to address the high cost of medical services and products, and is working with Senator Larry Taylor on the serious condition of TWIA. Rep Bonner is also working with Galveston County DA's office on the issue of safety.
- Footnote: Wayne Faircloth will be running for District 23 State Representative.

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CARING FOR AMERICA

RESOLVE-IT! - Winning Programs for At-Risk Kids submitted by Kathleen McCumber, Community Outreach Chair

The mission of Resolve-It, Inc. is to provide intervention and support to at-risk youth, while encouraging the development of personal accountability.

Located in Kemah, Texas, Resolve-It is a non-profit (501c3) organization which was established in 1999 in response to a critical gap in services available to children in the Houston/Galveston area. Resolve-It targets kids involved with the juvenile justice system, kids at risk for school failure and kids who have been victims of abuse.

Some of the programs offered are Truancy Intervention, Moral Development Training, Intervention for Girls, and Child Victim Intervention. Each of these programs is designed to impact youth at crucial decision-making points and help equip them with critical skills in navigating through conflict, peer pressure and drugs/alcohol.

Although school will soon be out for the summer, Resolve-It continues to reach out to children by offering summer programs. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, contact them at 281-538-1200, or resolveit@verizon.net. There are opportunities to participate in short-term or single-day volunteer roles.

For more information about Resolve-It, Inc., please see their website: www.resolveit.org

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"OLD GLORY" LONG MAY IT WAVE

Born in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States of America symbolizes the patriotic ideals of a nation "conceived in liberty" and admired around the world.

Each year on June 14, we celebrate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes. At that time, the Second Continental Congress authorized a new flag to symbolize the new Nation, the United States of America.

The Stars and Stripes first flew in a Flag Day celebration in Hartford, Connecticut in 1861, during the first summer of the Civil War. The first national observance of Flag Day occurred June 14, 1877, the centennial of the original flag resolution.

In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14. It was not until 1949 that Congress made this day a permanent observance. The measure was signed into law by President Harry Truman.

Francis Scott Key immortalized the flag of the new nation when he penned "The Star Spangled Banner" in 1814 as he watched Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland come under attack by the British. Years later, he shared his sentiments why he was inspired to write what later became American's national anthem.

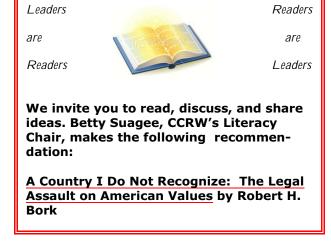
I saw the flag of my country waving over a city – the strength and pride of my native State. I saw the array of its enemies as they advanced to the attack. I heard the sound of battle; the noise of the conflict fell upon my listening ear, and told me that the 'brave and the free' had met the invaders.

Each time we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, we acknowledge the sweat, blood and tears of those who have fought to keep our Flag flying over the "home of the brave and land of the free."



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New Republican Headquarters to Open Soon!



submitted by Barbara Meeks, Galveston County Republican Party Chair

The Galveston County Republican Party headquarters is in the process of relocating to a new location! The new location on I-45 in Texas City is in a central, mid-county location and we hope to be up and running on or near May 1, 2013. Located at 600 Gulf Freeway, many in the county know the building as the former site of the Appraisal District with easy access and high visibility.

Our phone number (281-554-8888) and mailing address (P.O. Box 135, League City, TX 77574) will remain the same.

Stay tuned for Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting information!

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Win a free, fun-filled adventure in the heart of Kemah. Includes stay in one of six 1930s style Clipper House cottages, wine tasting tour and many other amenities. Bring all your friends and acquaintances to CCRW meetings and sign them up as **full** members. The more you sign up, the greater your chances. (If you brought in new full members in November 2012 through January 2013, they will be credited to you.)

Associate members may also participate, but credit is given for new **full** members only.

Contest ends October 31, 2013.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Georgia Young
- 4 Julie Cooper
- 12 Benny Cheney
- 15 Carol Doran
- 18 Mary Jean Sargent
- 21 Hon. Timothy Paulissen
- 22 Janelle Wrav
- 27 Barbara Meeks



National Day of Prayer in the United States is May 2, 2013. Prayer time was allocated in 1775, when the Continental Congress was forming a new nation; and, over the years, there have been calls for an official Day of Prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. However, it wasn't until April 17, 1952 that President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. The National Prayer Committee was formed in the United States in 1972. It went on to create the National Day of Prayer Task Force. This year, through the efforts of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, more than 35,000 prayer gatherings will be conducted across the nation with several million people expected to participate in this call to prayer.

Submitted by Dolly Schroeder, CCRW Chaplain

UPCOMING EVENTS



April

- **24 Bay Area Republican Women** 11:00 am Social, 11:30 am Meeting, 12:00 Noon Speaker at 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
- **25 Friendswood Republican Women** meet at 11:30 am at Perry's Grill, 614 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood. Contact Kathy Rogers at 781-744-0929 or go to www.friendswoodrw.org
- **Sixth Annual 1k/5k Wellness Walk –** 9:00 am, League Park, League City. Register online at www.leaguecitywellnesswalk.org
- 27 2 Mile Walk for Water Relief 8:30 am, sponsored by Relief Network Ministries. Walk starts at Premier Martial Arts School Parking Lot, 3455 Gulf Freeway North. For registration information or questions, go to www.relief-networks.org/new or call 281-535-3553.
- **912 Members** meet at Mario's on NASA 1 at 6:30 pm. Friend them on Facebook or visit www.912membersusa.com for more information.
- **Early Voting begins** for Municipalities, School Board and COM elections.

May

- **3 CCRW Monthly Meeting** 11:30 am 1:00 pm at Esteban's Fiesta Shack [behind Esteban's Mexican Restaurant, 402 W. Main (FM 518), League City]
- 11 **ELECTION DAY** Municipalities, School Boards, COM
- 12 MOTHER'S DAY
- **912 Members** 6:30 pm at Mario's on NASA 1. Friend them on Facebook or visit www.912membersusa.com for more information.
- **Mid County Republican Network** 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program. For location and speaker information contact Karen Stephens at 409-771-3056.
- **Galveston Republican Women** 11:00 am, Hilton Hotel, Seawall. Contact Jeannie Koenig at 512-567-8975 or lloyd.koenig@sbcglobal.net
- **North County Republican Network** 6:30 pm at LaBrisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City (off I-45 Gulf Freeway North). For more information, contact Paula Smith at skydiverpaula@comcast.net
- **17-18 National Federation of Republican Women Region 4 Conference,** Marriott Sugarland Town Square. www.nfrw.org or www.nfrw.org for details.
 - 18 ARMED FORCES DAY Thank someone serving in the military.
 - **21 Greater Houston Council** 10:00 am, SOSA Center, 1414 Wirt St., Houston
- **Bay Area Republican Women** 11:00 am Social, 11:30 am Meeting, 12:00 Noon Speaker at 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
- **Galveston Republican Women Mixer: Jammin' with the Judges** 5:00pm-7:00 pm, Holiday Inn Resort, 5002 Seawall, Galveston. Contact Brenda Gutierrez at bgutierrez314@comcast.net
- **912 Members** 6:30 pm at Mario's on NASA 1. Friend them on Facebook or visit www.912membersusa.com for more information.
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY (Observed)
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY

CCRW CONGRATULATES

DEBBIE ROAN, President of Bay Area Republican Women, who has been appointed to serve the remainder of Lilian Norman Keeney's term as TFRW District Director for SD11.

ARE YOU READY TO FILL A CHAIR on the 2014-2015 TFRW BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

TFRW Members,

Your TFRW Nominating Committee is proud to announce that we are now accepting applications for officers of the TFRW Board of Directors for the 2014-15 Term.

The deadline for the Nominating Committee Chair to receive your mailed application is May 15, 2013. You may start submitting applications today!

If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Bradford (<u>Rebecca@uniquehr.com</u>) or any of the other members of the Nominating Committee listed below.

NOTICE: TFRW Bylaws, Article XI, Section I-E: "Nominees must be members in good standing of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and shall be in accord with the objectives, bylaws, and policies of the Organization and the Republican Party."

TFRW Nominating Committee:

Rebecca Bradford, Chair Beryl Dowd, Secretary Members:

Patti Johnson Becky Berger
Pearl Maggio Tomi Porterfield

Sherry Peterson

Alternate:
Beth Cathey

[APPLICATION ATTACHED to this Newsletter]

LEGISLATIVE DAY IN AUSTIN APRIL 18, 2013



L-R: Debbie Sanders, Roxann Lewis, Patricia Grady, Kathie Nenninger, Paula Smith, Natalie Roth



L-R: Sarah Von Dran, Lesley Bruemmer, Evelyn Garland, Kim Bonnen (wife of Rep. Greg Bonnen), Barbara Meeks, Penny Ignazio



Clear Creek Republican Women PAC Galveston County Texas 2013 Membership Application

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City		Zip		
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Occupation		Birthday (Month/Day)		
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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 Community Outreach				
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				
Date Paid	Check #	Cash	Amt. Paid \$	

Dues and donations are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Corporate Contributions are not permitted.

NOMINATION APPLICATION for TFRW BOARD of DIRECTORS 2014 -2015

Please send this completed form accompanied by:

- 1. A typed letter of 150 words or less from the applicant stating why you believe you are best qualified for and want to have this position.
- 2. A wallet size photo of the applicant, and
- 3. At least three one-page letters of recommendation, not to exceed five.

Letters should come from an officer of TFRW or local club member, and someone with whom the applicant has worked.

One original Application must be mailed or hand delivered to the Nominating Committee Chairman by MAY 15, 2013. The Nominating Committee Chairman will forward electronic copies to the Nominating Committee Members.

CHAIRMAN: REBECCA BRADFORD, 5701 OSO PARKWAY, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78414

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Application for		position	
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Local RW Club			
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Should I be nominated and elected I agree	e to serve.
Signature	Date

Updated January 29, 2013 Rebecca Bradford, Nominating Committee Chairman