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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

REBOUND AND KEEP MOVING

Looking out across the landscape of America we see states that are growing and prospering and states that are losing jobs and businesses. Upon closer examination, it is clear that most of the prospering states are Republican states and those that are not are run by Democrats.

Although Republicans picked up some congressional and senatorial seats in 2010 and 2012, we did not win the "big prize" – the White House.

So, from the Republican National Committee (RNC) to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT), Republicans have decided that enough is enough. The RNC meeting in Boston focused on retooling and refocusing – **To rebound and keep moving.**

Not content to sit on our victories in 2010 and 2012, the RPT is already at work opening Victory centers across Texas, thanks to grants from the RNC. These Victory centers will operate year round, and each Victory center will be responsible for voter registration, identification, persuasion, and turnout.

The focus will be on independent and swing voters, as well as new residents to the state. The RPT is also working to reach out to like-minded Texans, to those who share our values. There are folks in every segment of the community who believe in limited government, individual rights as stated in the Constitution, strong families, good education, freedom of religion, and lower taxes – all Republican ideals.

Oftentimes in talking to our neighbors, co-workers, and friends we find that we have much in common. Everyone is taxed too much, the cost of living keeps climbing, and many of us share a fear of job loss.

We must reverse this in 2014! Let's **rebound and keep moving** to elect conservative, principled men and women who will work to restore and preserve our freedoms for a better future for our children and grandchildren.



Clear Creek



CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Meetings Held on the First Friday of Each Month.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next Meeting is Friday, September 6, 2013.

State Senator Larry Taylor will bring us up-to-date on the 83rd Legislative Session that went into three (3) special sessions.

South Shore Harbour Resort
2500 South Shore Boulevard
League City, Texas.

11:00 am	Meet and Greet
11:30 am	Lunch (Reservations required by Monday, September 2.)*
12:00 Noon	Meeting

* Those who want lunch must make reservations by Monday, September 2 to Penny Ignazio at 832-704-6972 or bklynpenny@aol.com. Lunch is \$14.00 and may be paid with cash, check or credit card. If you reserve lunch and do not attend, you are still responsible for payment; you will be billed, and the payment will be considered a donation to the Club.

September 6, 2013 Guest Speaker:

State Senator Larry Taylor



Occupation: Owner, Truman Taylor Insurance Agency Inc.

Education: Baylor University, B.B.A

Legislative Experience: House Member, 2003-2012; Senate Member, 2013-present

Hometown: Friendswood

Party: Republican

Senator Larry Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of parts of Brazoria, Galveston and Harris Counties. A native Texan, Taylor attended Baylor University where he received his BBA in 1982. He and his wife Kerri are the proud parents of three children. He owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, an independent agency started by his father more than 50 years ago.

Senator Taylor is Vice Chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee and a member of the Senate Education, Government Organization, Health and Human Services, and Intergovernmental Relations Committees. Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst also chose Taylor to represent Texas on The Energy Council; an honor he previously held as a state representative.

Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, Taylor served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. During his tenure, Taylor served as the Chairman of the House Elections Committee, Co-Chairman of the Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board, a member of the House Insurance Committee, the House Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud, the Energy Council, and two terms as Chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

Taylor is proud to have been named a "Taxpayer Advocate" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, a "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business, and a "Courageous Conservative" by the Texas Conservative Coalition. Locally, he was recognized as Galveston Daily News' "2011 Citizen of the Year" and named "Texas Legislative Champion" by the Sealy and Smith Foundation for his efforts to repair the medical branch after Hurricane Ike.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Submitted by Kathleen McCumber, Community Outreach Chair

One of our League City police officers, Carl Stoddard, has been battling terminal cancer for roughly two years now. He has been with the department since 1996.

Officer Stoddard and his family have elected to stop treatment so that he can spend his remaining time with his family. He has a wife and two children. Some of the officers are having a fundraiser for him on October 25 at the League City Civic Center: a Halloween-themed event called The Zombie Ball. (Costumes are optional.)

Volunteers are needed to take tickets at the door. They also have food similar to a "men who cook" theme, whereby a club can have a booth and prepare 200 servings of a dessert or main course.

Please consider volunteering to either work the event or to prepare food to serve at the event.

If you can help, please email me at Kathleen@caglemccumber.com

Thanks.

Denim & Lace Fundraiser Was a Huge Success!

Submitted by Penny Ignazio, Fundraising Committee Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended Clear Creek Republican Women first Denim and Lace Fundraiser on Friday, August 2, 2013 at South Shore Harbour in League City, Texas. Your participation and support helped make this a huge success for our club. With your help we have far exceeded our goals and expectations. Attend the September 6 meeting to see how our goals and expectations were met. Proceeds from the event will be used to support our elected officials and many activities that will help the club serve our community.

Our next meeting will be held on September 6 at South Shore Harbour. The luncheon cost will be \$14.00 (\$13 + tax). **Reservations must be made by September 2, 2013** (Contact Penny Ignazio at 832-704-6972 or bklynpenny@aol.com). Thank you for your support.

Penny Ignazio, Chairman - Fundraising Committee
832-704-6972 cell; 281-332-1979 home

Lesley Bruemmer - Co Chairman and Treasurer
757-839-5917



Voter ID – Where We are and What to Expect

Submitted by Bill Sargent, Chief Deputy Clerk for Elections



During the 2011 legislative session the Texas legislature passed SB14 which, once signed by the Governor, required registered voters to show an acceptable form of photo ID at the polls in order to vote regularly. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), acting under Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, refused to "Pre-clear" this statute and thereby rendered it null and void. Texas and other states took DOJ to court, and in June 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act.

In striking Section 4, they said the requirement for obtaining Department of Justice "pre-clearance" for changes on how voting is conducted was based on a model from the 1960s and that if "pre-clearance" was to be required, Congress would need to update the law based upon current conditions. The Texas Attorney General subsequently issued an opinion saying the provisions of the Voter ID law are now in play. Although Attorney General Eric Holder has ignored the will of the people of Texas and filed suit in Federal court to block implementation of the Texas Voter ID law, as of now, the Texas Voter ID law is being implemented.

What to Expect: When voting in person you will need to have one of the following current photo IDs:

- Texas Driver's License issued by DPS;
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS (available at no cost);
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
- Texas Concealed Handgun Permit issued by DPS;
- U.S. military identification card with a photo;
- U.S. Passport; or
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing a photo

If your photo ID has expired, it can still be used, as long as it expired within the past 60 days. Should you arrive at a polling place without one of the above-listed forms of ID, you will be given the opportunity to vote provisionally. If the only reason for voting provisionally is because of your ID, you have six calendar days to go to the Voter Registrar's office to present an acceptable form of photo ID and to fill out the prescribed legal documents stating that you are the same person as the person shown on the voter rolls. If you do this, your provisional ballot will be counted.

Exemptions:

Disabled: If you are 50% disabled and can verify same from either your Social Security or Veterans Administration records, and if you have no photo ID, then you can apply for an "Exempted" voter registration card. If you provide this form of ID when voting in person you will not be required to show a photo ID.

Religious Exemption: If you have no photo ID, voted provisionally, and have a religious objection to having your photo taken, then you can go the Voter Registrar's office within six days following the election and fill out the appropriate affidavit, and your provisional vote should count.

Natural Disaster: If you have been the victim of a natural disaster declared by the Governor (like Hurricane Ike) and have lost your photo ID, then you can vote provisionally, go to the Voter Registrar's office within six days following the election, and fill out the appropriate affidavit. By doing so your provisional ballot should also be counted.

Voting by Mail: If a person qualifies for a ballot by mail, he or she can vote using this method and, in most cases, do so without having to show any form of identification. Applications for ballots by mail will not be accepted until 60 days prior to an election and must meet one of the following criteria:

- The voter is 65 years old or older;
- The voter will be out of the county during early voting and on election day (if this is the reason for voting by mail, the voter must have an address outside the county where the ballot can be sent); or
- The voter is incarcerated in jail (these applications will not be accepted until 20 days prior to an election).

I hope this has been a helpful review of the Voter ID requirements. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to call the Galveston County Elections Office at 409-770-5108.

Bill Sargent has served as the Chief Deputy Clerk for Elections in the Office of the Galveston County Clerk's Office for over two years. He was also a candidate for Congressional District 14 in the 2012 Republican primary.

**CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
August 2, 2013**

Following an official welcome by Fundraising Committee Chair, Penny Ignazio, an invocation, pledges to the American and Texas flags, singing of the National Anthem, and introduction of elected officials and candidates, President Bonnie Wilson called the Clear Creek Republican Women business meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center. She announced that only a few items of business would be covered since attendees were present primarily for the first Denim & Lace Fundraiser and looking forward to hearing guest speakers.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 3 meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

President Bonnie Wilson announced that the Treasurer's Report will be filed for internal review.

President Bonnie Wilson announced the formation of a Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting next year's officers and offered the following names for consideration:

Penny Ignazio
Kathy Nenninger
Roxann Lewis
Barbara Vollmer
Tommye Randolph

A motion was made and seconded to appoint these to the Nominating Committee. After a reminder that only full members are allowed the vote, the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

President Bonnie Wilson then announced that the Club's membership number entitles it to nine (9) delegates and nine (9) alternates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Convention in October of this year. The following have agreed to be delegates:

Lesley Bruemmer
Jennifer Burnett
Cheryl Faircloth
Penny Ignazio
Barbara Meeks
Loretta Roberts
Paula Smith
Bonnie Wilson
Patti Woita

It was moved and seconded that the above be approved as CCRW delegates to the TFRW Convention; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the assembly other than presentation of the special program, at 11:55 a.m. the President returned the meeting to the Co-Chairs of the Fundraising Committee to continue with said program.

After closing remarks, President Bonnie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Sargent, Acting Recording Secretary



From Campaign Activities Chair, Mary Horn

Thanks to all members and associate members who have sent in campaign hours. Please keep track of your hours monthly and send them to: mfbhorn@verizon.net

CCRW Balance as of 08-27-13:

\$ 15,022.58

Lesley Bruemmer, PAC Treasurer
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Brian Burnett
- 6 Malinda Garcia
- 6 Misty Sullivan
- 7 Cheryl Johnson
- 10 Carole Laubach
- 11 Dolly Schroeder
- 16 Mary Helen Slone
- 18 Almeda Wallingford
- 19 Faye Roberson
- 19 Jeremy Ducote
- 19 Gina Gentile
- 19 Karlee Marcom
- 20 Renee Ayres
- 22 Ruby Hildebrand
- 22 Donna Maloney
- 22 Loretta Roberts
- 29 Rubye Brown



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Full Members:

Fay Picard



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.

It is only great souls that know how much glory
there is in being good.

Sophocles

Submitted by Dolly Schroeder,
CCRW Chaplain



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We invite you to read, discuss, and share ideas. Betty Suagee, CCRW's Literacy Chair, makes the following recommendations:

The Cure for Obamacare by Sally C. Pipes

Obama Health Law: What It Says and How to Overturn It (Encounter Broadside) by Betsy McCaughey



Save the date!
TFRW 2013 Biennial Convention
October 17 - 19, 2013
San Antonio, TX.

The convention hotel will be the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. The Opening Session is Thursday afternoon and ends on Saturday with the Installation Luncheon of newly elected officers. Reservations can be made at this [special website](#).

There is still space for anyone who would like to attend the convention as an Alternate Delegate. Please contact Bonnie Wilson, ccrwpresident@comcast.net or call 281-332-8039.

Individual "event only" tickets may be purchased separately on a space available basis. Individual "event only" tickets may be picked up at the GUEST Registration Desk. To sign up for individual events, please fill out the attached Guest Registration and mail directly to TFRW.

Go to TFRW website at www.tfrw.org for forms, schedules and hotel reservation information.

☆☆☆☆☆ Registration Form Attached to This Newsletter ☆☆☆☆☆

IMPORTANT 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

First day to file for a place on the primary ballot for precinct chair candidates:	September 10, 2013
First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot (as well as for offices for unexpired terms that have occurred after August 24, 2012):	November 9, 2013
Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file intent declaration:	December 9, 2013
Early voting period for the primary election:	February 18* thru 28, 2014 <i>*First business day after Presidents' Day</i>
Primary Election:	March 4, 2014
Early voting period for the primary runoff election:	May 19 thru 23, 2014
Primary run-off election:	May 27, 2014

RPT Hosts Regional Training Seminars

The Republican Party of Texas staff has spent the last several weeks hosting campaign training seminars across the state to help Republican county and precinct chairs organize now so they are prepared well in advance of next year's elections.

On September 21st, the South Texas Regional Training seminar will be held in Corpus Christi. If you are interested in attending or want more information, please contact Cassie Daniel at Cdaniel@texasgop.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

- 6 CCRW Monthly Meeting** – 11:00 am social, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm lunch & business meeting at Southshore Harbour Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd., League City. \$14.00 for lunch; **reservations must** be made by Tuesday, September 2.
- 6 Galveston Republican Women Tropical Island Luau** – 6:00 pm Galvez Hotel Garden Room, 2024 Seawall Blvd. on the Island. Featuring George P. Bush. Contact Jeannie Koenig at 512-567-8975 or lloyd.koenig@sbcglobal.net
- 10 Mid County Republican Network** – 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program. For location and speaker information contact Karen Stephens at 409-771-3056.
- 17 Greater Houston Council** – 9:30 am at Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston (1 block north of I-10 at corner of Wirt Rd. & Westview)
- 19 North County Republican Network** – 6:30 pm at LaBrisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City (off I-45 Gulf Freeway North). Congressman Randy Weber is guest speaker. For more information, contact Paula Smith at skydiverpaula@comcast.net
- 21 RPT Regional Training** – Corpus Christi. Contact Cassie Daniel at Cdaniel@texasgop.org
- 25 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
- 26 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

October

- 17-19 TFRW Convention** – information elsewhere in this newsletter. www.tfrw.org

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**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County Texas
2013 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___ 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 \$
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*Dues and donations are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.
Corporate Contributions are not permitted.*

GUEST REGISTRATION

(Registration other than Delegate, Alternate or Delegate-at-Large)

CLUB FULL NAME _____ SD# _____
(Please Type or Print)

GUEST NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
(Please Type or Print)

City _____ Zip _____ Daytime number _____ Cell number _____

EMAIL _____ OCCUPATION (REQUIRED) _____

GUEST SIGNATURE _____

Yes, I will attend the Thursday Welcome Fiesta 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Yes, I will attend the Friday Awards Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
 Yes, I will attend the Friday "10 Outstanding" Banquet 7:30 p.m.
 Yes, I will attend the Saturday Memorial Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
(RESERVATION for the MEMORIAL BREAKFAST is REQUIRED-Limited Seating)
 Yes, I will attend the Saturday Installation Luncheon 12:45 p.m.

PATRONS ONLY
 Yes, I am a 2013 TFRW Patron or
Patron Associate or a Patron
Club Representative
At the meal functions, I wish to be seated with:
 My TFRW club Patron's Table
 Yes, I will attend the Friday
Patron/10 Outstanding Reception 6:30 p.m.

Early Convention Registration fee: \$170.00 if postmarked by September 9, 2013

Convention Registration fee: \$195.00 postmark deadline September 17, 2013

Individual "event only" tickets may be purchased separately on a space available basis
Individual "event only" tickets may be picked up at the GUEST Registration Desk

- Thursday Night Welcome Fiesta \$35
 Friday Awards Luncheon \$50
 Friday "10 Outstanding" Banquet \$85
 Saturday Memorial Breakfast \$30
 Saturday Installation of New Officers Luncheon \$50

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS _____

The convention registration fee *must be mailed with this form to:*
Texas Federation of Republican Women
515 Capital of Texas Hwy Suite 133
Austin, TX 78746

Make checks payable to TFRW 2013 Convention PAC

NO REFUNDS