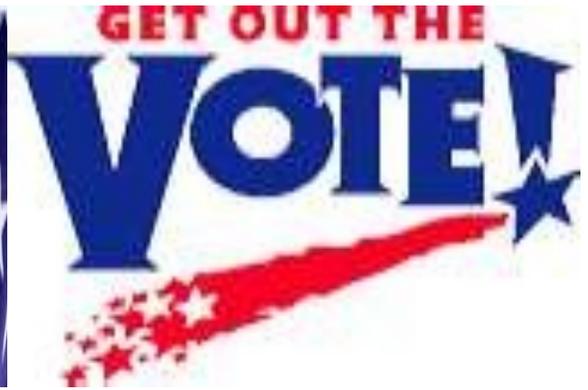


Clear Creek



# APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER



CCRW meets the 1st Fri each month  
Jan. - May  
and Aug. - Nov.

11:30 A.M. at  
ESTEBAN's  
Fiesta Shack  
402 W Main St, League  
City, TX 77573

**Directions**

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What do you think is the role of citizens in OUR government?

Do you think our Founders thought that citizens would participate in the Democracy we have today?

Is our Government "of the people, by the people, and for the people"?

We the people have constitutional responsibilities along with our citizenship to obey the laws, pay taxes which enable us the rights and opportunities to influence the making of public policy.

The right to vote gives all citizens a chance to select those who will be responsible for making public policy. A citizen can cast their vote, assist in nominating and electing officials, volunteering in campaigns and making

donations to persons of their choice. This type of participation contributes to the process that tends to the sense of legitimacy of the Government. This election is perhaps the most important election in many years. Can we afford to have the present President to continue to destroy our FREEDOM for another four years? I say NO.

### Sarah Von Dran President



We all need to contribute to the candidates, either by money, time, or energy.

We can all agree to disagree but we need to join forces and **BEAT OBAMA. GET INVOLVED, STAY UNITED AND WE CAN WIN in NOVEMBER.**

The Constitution states that the Government is a government of laws, not of men. No one is above the law. No officer of the Government can use authority unless and except as the Constitution or public law permits.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**OWN ELECTIONS.**

**LET'S WIN BIG IN 2012**

One  
**WOMAN.**

One  
**DAY.**

One  
**VOTE.**

It's amazing how **ONE** small thing can impact the world.

**CCRW  
2012 Officers**

**Sarah Von Dran**  
-President

**Michelle Slaughter**  
-1<sup>st</sup> VP of Membership  
(If you haven't already,  
now is the time to renew  
for 2012.)

**Penny Ignazio**  
— 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Programs

**Rebecca Allcorn**  
– Recording Secretary

**Natalie Roth**  
— Corresponding Sec

**Lesley Bruemmer**  
– Treasurer

**Tanya Kloesel**  
– Publicity

**Bonnie Wilson**  
– Outreach

**Benny Cheney**  
– Historian

**Kathie Nenninger**  
– Awards

**Tanya Kloesel**  
– Campaign Activities

**Cindy Seidensticker**  
– Hospitality

**Alesha Vardeman**  
**Aulds** – Newsletter

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# CCRW Volunteer Hours

**March 2012 Hours—618**

Please be sure to turn in your hours by the 20th each month  
to Tanya Kloesel @ [completelystellar@yahoo.com](mailto:completelystellar@yahoo.com)

## Membership Report

**For 2012:**

**75 Full**  
**57 Associate**

**Full: Jennifer Burnett,  
Iris Crow**

**Associate: Kim Bonnen,  
Shannon Troucheset, Ron  
Dailey, Paul Bess**

## Treasurer Report

**BALANCE**  
**\$ 4795.59**



Pictured L to R: Barbara Meeks, Penny Ignazio, Sarah Von Dran and Kathy Rogers. This was taken as the Nasa group that help sponsor scholarships for the Houston Livestock Show and rodeo. Barbara was one of the models.

# APRIL SPEAKER ~ CANDIDATES FORUM



Kathy Haigler has been involved in grassroots Republican politics since the day after Bill Clinton was elected in 1992. She has held party offices from Precinct Chair to serving on the State Republican Executive Committee for over nine years, and then was the Secretary of the Republican Party of Texas until 2010.

Kathy was the 2002 Primary Director for the Harris County Republican Party and has been a Campaign Manager or Consultant for School Board, City Council, County Judge, State Representative, and Congressional campaigns. Her expertise is in election law, election administration, and ballot integrity.

She is currently the Parliamentarian for the Caldwell County Republican Party and the Vice-President of Caldwell County Republican Women, and is running unopposed in the 2012 Primary for Caldwell County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Kathy and her husband, Glenn, live in Mustang Ridge (about 35 miles south of Austin) and have four married children and eleven grandchildren.

*Penny Ignazio VP of Programs*

**Clear Creek  
Republican  
Women**

**Women  
Making  
a  
Difference!**



- 4-1 Jack Roady
- 4-1 Evelyn Timmins
- 4-1 Bonnie Wilson
- 4-6 Vernon Wall
- 4-8 Pamela Archer
- 4-12 Brett Busby
- 4-12 Lori Wilson

- 4-16 Jeannie Kranz
- 4-18 Laurie Sweatt
- 4-22 Gary Pearson
- 4-23 Michael Massengale
- 4-25 Alison Putman
- 4-26 Kathy Rogers

*April Birthdays*

**ELECTION  
2012**



## Minutes ~ General Membership ~ March 2, 2012

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at 12:00 pm on Fri., March 2, at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. The Honorable Judge Lonnie Cox led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Honorable Larry Taylor.

Sarah introduced the 20 guests attending. The 18 elected officials and 18 candidates introduced themselves.

The minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

Sarah introduced Penny Ignazio, V.P. of programs who introduced our guest candidates for Galveston Republican County Chair, Barbara Meeks and John Bentley. Penny proceeded with the candidate forum with Kathie Nenninger as time keeper.

The business meeting resumed at 12:45pm.

### Officers Reports

**V.P. Membership:** Michelle Slaughter stated we have a total of 70 full members and 49 associate members.

### Committee Reports

**Community Outreach:** Bonnie Wilson announced school supplies will be collected at our August and September meetings followed by a volunteer day to help deliver the school supplies with Lighthouse Christian Ministries (LCM). Bonnie stated the cell phones collected were worth \$32. She gave the check to Bay Area Turning Point along with donated travel sized toiletries. Bonnie thanked all members for their participation helping those in need.

Sarah introduced Erica Steal, Representative from Lighthouse Christian Ministries. Erica thanked CCRW for our volunteer efforts. She announced a "Night in Polynesia" fundraiser event to benefit LCM, March 31.

Michelle introduced Lisa Stegman District Executive of the Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Ms Stegman spoke of the Scout's Learning for Life program available for students and the addition of a maritime site for participants to learn to appreciate and care about the coastal environment.

### Special Committee Reports

**Lincoln Day Dinner:** Penny announced today is

the last day to register for Lincoln Day Dinner. Invitations are on the tables. Volunteers are needed to help the night of the dinner, March 9, 2012.

### Announcements

Texas Primary vote date is set for May 29. Run off election date is July 21, 2012.

Brenda Gutierrez announced GRW will host a Candidate Forum for HD 23,24,11 at their March 21 meeting.

Kathy Rodgers announced FRW will host an open Candidate Forum at their March 22 meeting.

Simon Urbanic announced Republican Network will host an open candidate forum at their March 22 meeting.

Cheryl Johnson announced a business learning event for elementary students called Lemonade Stands. She encouraged members to participate. Cheryl stated voter registration cards are scheduled to be mailed April 29.

John Bentley announced a Unification Luncheon for Republican, Tea Party, 912 and other conservative club leaders on March 20 at the Greyhound Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Allcorn  
Recording Secretary

## Community Outreach Report ~ Caring for America

Just a reminder that we will continue our outreach to the Bay Area Turning Point in Webster. **Bay Area Turning Point** offers a wide range of services for survivors of family violence, sexual assault and homelessness. All services are without cost and are accessible 24 hours a day.

They offer both residential services and non-residential services. No-residential services are provided to men, women and child survivors.

We want to start collecting all those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion and bars of soap that you collected on your travels.

Please bring to the March 2 meeting. These items are given to the women and children who stay at the shelter and are much appreciated.

Also, we will continue collecting cell phones, iphones, smart phones, etc. throughout the year to collect money for Bay Area Turning Point.



**Pictured L to R: Bonnie Wilson, CCRW Community Outreach Chair, Sarah Von Dran, CCRW Pres., ChristyAnne Dickson Director, Crisis Pregnancy Center**

The **National Federation of Republican Women's Committee** for the *Caring for America* hopes that you will find this site full of inspiring and helpful information. It is our goal to encourage all our state clubs to reach out to their communities to make our nation the best that it can be!

<http://nfrwcaringforamerica.org/>

Go to [NFRW.org](http://NFRW.org) for more information on how to be involved with the National Federation of Republican Women

