



SEPTEMBER 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

www.estebanscafe.com

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PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

Have you ever questioned yourself as to why you are a Republican? Your family was always Republican, you liked the people that ran for office or you believed in what the **REPUBLICAN** Party stood for?

I am a Republican because..

I believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability

I believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I believe the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

I believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I believe Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I believe Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

Finally, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating those ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

These words are not mine originally but by author unknown. But are they unknown? No, because as a conservative REPUBLICAN, this is what we believe, do you agree??





GUEST COLUMNIST

The primary election held on July 31, 2012 resulted in a record turnout of voters. The heavy voting numbers are expected to continue in the November 6th general election. The County Clerks elections division is preparing for the largest turnout in our County's history. Here are some of the preparations underway:

Vote Centers- I am proud to announce that Galveston County was recently certified as a vote center County. There are less than half a dozen successful Vote Center Certified Counties statewide. **What this means to you?** During early voting and on Election Day, voters are able to cast their vote at any voting location, county-wide. An example of this is that perhaps you live in League City and work in Galveston; you will be able to cast your vote in Galveston or on your way home in La Marque.

Electronic Poll Books- The E Poll Book is designed to help ensure that voters receive the correct ballot and to speed up the voting process. These were purchased by a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant. The E Poll Books were introduced in the November 2011 election and were most recently used in the July 29th primary election by both Democrats and Republicans. This technology is key to vote centers and will help move the lines along faster and more accurately.

Poll Worker Training- The staff in the County Clerk's elections division has revamped and continues to improve poll worker training. Traditionally only about 50-60% of the poll workers attended training and as of the 2011 November election, I am proud to say that over 90% of the poll workers attended training. Workers who attend training are compensated \$2.00 more per hour than those who do not attend training. In addition, poll workers who work over 40 hours in a week will be compensated at time and a half for hours worked over 40, similar to other County employees.

Key Dates To Remember-The November General election is less than 75 days away. Don't forget these key dates to remember:

The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is September 7, 2012

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is October 30, 2012 (received in the office)

The last day to register to vote is October 9, 2012

Early Voting begins on October 22nd and ends on November 2nd, 2012

Election day is on Tuesday, November 6th, 2012

More information can be found on the County's election website at www.GalvestonVotes.Org, the Secretary of State election website www.VoteTexas.Gov, or follow me on twitter @dwightsullivan.

Your County Clerk – Dwight D. Sullivan



CCRW'S ANNUAL CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER



Maria Espinoza
Co-Founder
The Remembrance
Project

**Clear Creek
Republican
Women**

**Women
Making
a
Difference!**

**CCRW'S Annual
Candidates Fundraiser
Special Guest Speaker: Maria Espinoza
Cofounder of The Remembrance Project**

**Speaking on:
The Hottest Topic in Texas
Immigration
September 7, 2012**

11:30am Social

Noon Special Speaker

Estebans menu:

Pollo de Esteban's
Cheese enchiladas
Tamales
Mini flautas
Queso
Chips
Coffee
Tea
Dessert

\$30 per person

**RSVP By September 5, 2012
Please RSVP with Lesley Bruemmer**

tabtxngirl@gmail.com

or

757-839-5917 Cell

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER



Maria Espinoza
Co-Founder
The Remembrance
Project



Maria Espinoza co-founded The Remembrance Project in order to re-emphasize the importance of our families. One initiative, The Stolen Lives Quilt has been shared in Texas, Florida, Colorado, and Washington D.C. Maria works to uphold the rule of law and to protect our families.

Born in Rotan, Texas, Maria is first generation American. Her father legally migrated to the U.S. and became a citizen. She worked in strawberries, raspberries, bulbs, and waited tables in the family business. Applying what her parents taught her, she earned a track scholarship to Abilene Christian University and is an All-American 1500m runner. Maria is a wife, mother and small business owner.

THE REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

A Voice for the Victims killed by illegal aliens

The Remembrance Project seeks to support and protect the well-being of our families, thus re-establishing their position in America. One initiative, the **Stolen Lives Quilt** serves to memorialize the victims killed by illegal aliens.

We work to unite the families of victims killed by illegal aliens and to provide a voice for the victims. We bring awareness to the negative impacts of illegal immigration to all involved. The Quilt is digitally created and provides an opportunity for citizens to support our families. The solution to ending these and other tragic deaths, along with the economic burdens of illegal immigration, lies in using common sense and to insist our leaders uphold the rule of law and to follow our Constitution.

We must insist our leaders represent America's citizenry in order to protect and preserve *our* families.

Please support the continuation of our work by making a:

- one-time donation, or a
 - sustaining monthly donation
- Every dollar counts. Thank you!

Maria shares her passion and inspiring All-American story and encourages others to stand strong beside our laws and the Constitution.

To be placed on her schedule, please email to:
director@TheRemembranceProject.org

The Remembrance Project

P.O. Box 440668
Houston, TX 77244
281-236-7580

www.TheRemembranceProject.org a 501(c)(3) non-profit

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Calendar of Events

CCRW 1st Friday of the month from August through May

Esteban Fiesta Shack 402 W. Main, League City
11:00 Social, 11:30 Lunch
12:00 to 1:00: Program

Friendswood Republican Women 4th Thursday from August - June

Perry's Grill 613 S. Friendswood Dr. Friendswood
11:00 Social
11:30 Lunch and Announcement
12:00 to 1:00 Program

Galveston Republican Women meet 3rd Wednesday of month

Location TBA call 512 567-8975 for location
11:30 Social
12:00 - 1:00 Program

Network of Galveston County 3rd Thursday of month

Las Brias Mexican Restaurant
6:30 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Program

Pachyderm of Galveston meets weekly

Mario's Restaurant
11:30 Social
12:00- 1:00 Program

Tri County Republican Women 2nd Tuesday of month

Green Tee Country Club. Greet Tee Dr, Pearland
10:00 Social
11:00 - 12:00 Program

West Pearland Republican Women 1st Thursday of month

Spring Creek Bar B Que, Broadway, Pearland
6:30 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Program



Presented by the
Galveston Republican Women-PAC

Wednesday, September 19

Tremont House Hotel
Valet Parking Included

Davidson Ballroom

Reservations Required

bettylou71842@att.net

817.996.3452

5:30 VIP "Mystery Celebrity Guest" Reception

Appetizers, Cocktails, Dinner and Style Show

\$100.00 per person

6:30 pm Registration, Cash Bar

7:00 pm Style Show and Dinner

\$60.00 per person

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Jane Rigsby, Treasurer 1281 Blue Heron Bayou Vista TX



Minutes ~ General Membership ~ Aug. 3, 2012

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at 11:58am. on Friday, August 3, at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City.

Hon. Lonnie Cox led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Kathy Rogers.

Sarah introduced the 13 elected officials, 5 candidates and 6 guests attending the meeting.

Sarah introduced Penny Ignazio, V.P. of programs who introduced our guest speaker County Commissioner Ken Clark.

The business meeting resumed at 12:35pm. The minutes of the May 4 meeting that were published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

Officers Reports

V.P. Membership: Michelle Slaughter reported 96 full members and 81 associate members.

V.P. Programs: Penny Ignazio reported

the September meeting is a fundraiser luncheon.

PAC Treasurer: Lesley Bruemmer reported a balance of \$4484.21.

Committee Reports

Campaign Activities: Sarah Von Dran reminded all members to submit volunteer hours worked through June and July to Tanya Kloesel.

Community Outreach: Sarah thanked members for donating school supplies. We surpassed our 30 back pack goal and collected 45 back packs to date. School supply donations are accepted through September. All donations are given to Lighthouse Christian Ministries to distribute among local families.

Special Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Barbara Meeks moved to elect Lesley Bruemmer, Cindy Seidensticker and Bonnie Wilson. Michelle Slaughter seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

Galveston County GOP office will be

open every day starting September 1. Volunteers needed.

Republican National Convention, August 27-31, Tampa Florida. CCRW is honored to have members Barbara Meeks attending as delegate and Roxann Lewis as alternate at-large.

Greater Houston Council presenting Get Out The Vote (GOTV) program September 18.

Deputy Voter Registrar class offered the 3rd Friday of the month by Cheryl Johnson. Register online.

Announcements

Dolly Schroeder announced Sunscreen for Soldiers Mary Kay project.

Simon Urbanic announced Dr Robin Armstrong as speaker for Republican Network, Aug 16 at La Brisas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Allcorn
CCRW Recording Secretary

Community Outreach Report ~ Caring for America

Thank you all for the backpacks and school supplies. Sarah Von Dran and I delivered 48 backpacks and bags and bags of much needed school supplies to Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Bacliff. Because of your generosity many children will now be able to begin this school year equipped with the necessary supplies who might have otherwise be unable to afford them.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I want to present to you an opportunity to help families by providing them a Thanksgiving meal. Lighthouse Christian Ministries Turkey-in-a-Bag is their annual Thanksgiving program where families or small groups personally adopt a family in need and deliver either the ingredients to the family or can prepare the meal for the family.

More information will be forth coming.

We are still collecting cell phones, smartphones, iphones, etc. until the end of the year.



Trying to find room on the cart.
Sarah Von Dran, CCRW President, unloading backpacks and school supplies from her car with the help of Lighthouse Ministries' volunteer Theodore.

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 for more information on how to be involved with the National Federation of Republican Women



IT'S ELECTION SEASON!

Time To Wrap
Yourself In The Flag!

The Power of Your Vote

It will be conceded...that a Christian's first duty is to God. It then follows, as a matter of course, that it is his duty to carry his Christian code of morals to the polls and vote them. If Christians should vote their duty to God at the polls, they would carry every election and do it with ease... If the Christians of America could be persuaded to vote God and a clean ticket, it would bring about a moral revolution that would be incalculably beneficent. It would save the country.

Mark Twain - Sept. 2, 1905

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Birthdays

9-1 Nancy Pickavance
 9-5 Maryanne Rogers
 9-6 Malinda Garcie
 9-6 Misty Sullivan
 9-7 Cheryl Johnson
 9-9 Karlee Marcom
 9-10 John Ellisor
 9-10 Carole Laubach
 9-10 Berniece Linck
 9-11 Dolly Schroeder
 9-13 Guitan Roan
 9-14 Geri Bentley
 9-16 Mary Helen Slone
 9-18 Almeda Wallingford
 9-19 Jeremy Ducote
 9-19 Gina Gentile
 9-19 Faye Roberson
 9-21 Nancy Hooper
 9-22 Ruby Hidlebrand
 9-22 Loretta Roberts
 9-29 Ruby Brown



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Clear Creek Republican Women PAC, Galveston County, Texas 2012 Membership Application

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Precinct: _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

(C) _____ Email _____

Birthday: month ____ day ____

Member of another Republican club? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, name of club? _____

I would like to help with the following committees:

- Audit Awards By-Laws Campaigns Ways & Means Web
- CCRW Directory Community Outreach Historian Hospitality
- ICM Tree Legislation Newsletter Publicity Telephone

How did you learn about CCRW?

Areas of Interest?

Prior political affiliations?

Full Membership \$25.00 Associate Membership \$15.00

Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____ Check Number: _____ Cash: _____

Please mail membership application to:

Lesley Bruemmer, CCRW PAC Treasurer, 2301 Meadows Blvd., League City, TX 77573