

Clear Creek



CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN DECEMBER 2011

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**CCRW meets the 1st
Friday of the 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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Clear Creek Republican Women were recently honored at the State Convention with three various awards. We received a silver rating for achievement for the John Tower award. This award recognized the many achievements that our club accomplished during the past two years which included community activities, campaign activity and various other criteria. Another award was for increase in membership. As of this date we are nearing 100 full members and over 40 Associate members.

Our Past President Barbara Meeks who is Galveston County Republican Chairman was honored as one of the **TEN OUTSTANDING WOMEN of DISTINCTION** for the year for the state of Texas. We are indeed extremely proud of Barbara for this accomplishment. Congratulations Barbara! There is no one else as deserving. CCRW appreciates all the hard work and support you have given to the club. As I look back over the year 2011 and the various programs that we had, I am thankful for those that provided us with such a

variety of information. Remember in January we had to delay our meeting due to the harsh, cold, WET weather. Then the Concealed Handgun class which was really exciting. I am now an authentic card



**Sarah Von Dran
President**

caring member of a concealed handgun license. Next we were able to provide a scholarship for a local student to attend Girls State.

Candidates appeared to get the campaign season started and there were so many MEET and GREETs, candidate schedules and unlimited "push cards". School supplies for The Lighthouse were provided for those in need. Such a response in items we were able to send to our service men. Thank you Mark Henry, our County Judge for providing the packaging. We must not forget the information on the proposed amendments, which informed us of what all the legal jargon meant.

The list could go on and on for what everyone has done to make this world a better place for those in need. For all of you **THANK YOU** for your support in 2011 and I look forward to working hard to get a Republican in office in 2012

As we approach this **CHRISTMAS** season, may we not forget the true meaning of **CHRISTMAS**. Many blessings for a **MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROPEROUS NEW YEAR.**





CCRW Volunteer Hours

November Hours—1272

Total Volunteer Hours to Date—9472

Please be sure to turn in your hours by the 20th each month to Tanya Kloesel completelystellar@yahoo.com



Clear Creek Republican Women

**Women
Making
a
Difference!**

Membership Report

Treasurer Report

2012 Membership NUMBERS

**23 Full Members
18 Associates Members**

Welcome new members:

ASSOCIATES

Kent Moss, John Kinard, Geri Bentley

FULL

Heidi Theiss, Mary Forbes, Felicia Harris,

Sarah Cox, Emily Watkins

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Featured Speaker for December



**Borah
Van Dormolen
TEXAS
NATIONAL
Committeewoman**

Our very special guest for our December meeting, Borah Van Dormolen is no ordinary person. She is an accomplished soldier, businessperson, Republican political leader, legislative advocate, athlete, and community leader and currently our Texas National Committeewoman.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Borah Van Dormolen has traveled a long way since her early days as a student at West Chester College, Pennsylvania. In 1974, she enlisted in the U.S. Army and rose through the ranks retiring in 1997 after 23 years with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Borah's political activities are remarkable in their width and breadth accomplished in such a short period of time since her military retirement. She

has served the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) as Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Legislation, Chairman of Leadership Development, District Director Coordinator and District Director of Senatorial District 24. As Vice President - Finance, she has had the pleasure of coordinating the "Tribute to Women" luncheon at our Republican Party State Convention and the TFRW 2005 Legislative Day Luncheon in Austin. During the TFRW State Convention in Corpus Christi, Borah was elected **President of the Federation** for 2006 thru 2007. During the 77th Texas Legislature session, she served as Legislative Aide for State Representative Kent Grusendorf, (R-Dist. 94).

Borah is an important community leader serving as Past State Vice President for the Texas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America; Past President and current Director of the Central Texas Chapter of The Military Officers Association; Board of Governors for the Association of the United States Army, Fort Hood Chapter; Rotarian in the Salado Chapter; and past member of the Board of Directors for the Mill Creek Golf and Country Club and Central Texas Women's Golf Association. Borah is an endowment member of the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association.

December Birthdays

- 12-5 Marian Meeks
- 12-6 Karlee Marcom
- 12-9 Shirley Hendrickson
- 12-9 Representative Pete Olsen
- 12-10 Bertha Adams
- 12-17 Joseph Ignazio
- 12-18 Alesha Vardeman Aulds
- 12-19 Kerry Neves
- 12-21 Hon. Lonnie Cox



- 12-21 Nisha Roady
- 12-23 Garet Nenninger
- 12-24 Hon. Kevin O'Brien
- 12-25 Kris Anne Vogelpohl
- 12-25 Deborah Chaney-Winters
- 12-26 Susan Lewis
- 12-26 Dr. George Marcom
- 12-26 Bruce Woodcock
- 12-27 Phyllis Molnar

Minutes ~ General Membership ~ Nov. 4, 2011

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. on Friday, November 4, 2011 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Bonnie Wilson led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Simon Urbanic. Sarah introduced the elected 17 elected officials, 20 candidates and 11 guest attending. Sarah Von Dran introduced Bonnie Wilson (in the absence of Tommye Randolph, V.P. of programs) who introduced In a Salute to Veterans, our guest speaker Michelle Dry, Commander of the American Legion Post 554 of League City. The business meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m. The minutes of the October 7, 2011 meeting that were published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

OFFICERS REPORTS

The following officers gave their reports:

V. P. Membership: Michelle Slaughter
V. P. Programs: Tommye Randolph
Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Roth-
PAC Treasurer: Lesley Bruemmer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee members gave their reports:

Community Outreach: Bonnie Wilson-
Hospitality: Cindy Seidensticker
Volunteer Hours: Tanya Klosel

NEW BUSINESS

County Judge Mark Henry gave the award, Volunteer to help turn Galveston County Red to Josh Daniel.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Simon Urbanic League City Will honor Veteran on Friday, November 11, 2011 at the Sports Plex.

Ryan Dennard announced his fundraiser on Election Night, November 8, 2011.

Ed (Michelle Slaughter's husband) announced her Birthday Party fundraiser tonight November 4, 2011.

John Gay announced his open house November 17, 2011

Kerry Neves announced the opening of the Festival of Lights in Dickinson starts Saturday, November 26, 2011.

November 10, 2011 Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corp.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Penny Ignazio, Secretary

Community Outreach Report ~ Caring for America

As we come to the close of another year, I want to say thank you for reaching out and touching so many lives in our community. You have made a difference.

One last reminder to bring an unwrapped toy to the Christmas dinner on December 2, 2011. We will be taking them to Lighthouse Ministries in San Leon.

I want to wish each and everyone a blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!! See you all next year!!!

Bonnie Wilson
Chairman

Also, remember those old cell phones, smart phones, etc. We are still collecting them.

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/>

Caring for America is a true demonstration of our commitment and love for our country. The energy, talent, and time devoted to uplifting our Nation by our acts of service is a reflection of our patriotism and devotion to our Constitution and Flag, and all it represents. Every club entry receives a "Certificate of Recognition," and awards are given.

Go to NFRW.org for more information on how to be involved with the National Federation of Republican Women





Our Goal

The Clear Creek Republican Women (CCRW) is a volunteer women's organization and a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW).

For an application, go to www.clearcreekrw.org

TFRW makes it possible for women to influence how local, state, and federal government manages such critical issues as health, crime, education, taxes and financial security.

Our goals are those of the TFRW's which is education, training, participation in government, electing Republicans and encouraging Republican women to run for office. We are one of 164 Local Clubs across the state of Texas.

For more information about TFRW, go to www.tfrw.org



CCRW's ICM Tree



CCRW 2011 Officers

President
Sarah Von Dran
281-482-2990

Treasurer
Lesley Bruemmer
832-632-2880

Legislation
Jeanie Krantz
713-259-9022

1st VP Membership
Michelle Slaughter
281 667-4128

Publicity
JoAnna Sharp Dawson
281-332-6636

Newsletter
Alesha Vardeman Aulds
254-716-5373

2nd VP Programs
Tommye Randolph
713-299-3128
Kathie Nenninger
281-334-4418

Outreach
Bonnie Wilson
281-332-8039

Campaign Activities
Tanya Kloesel
409-908-9988

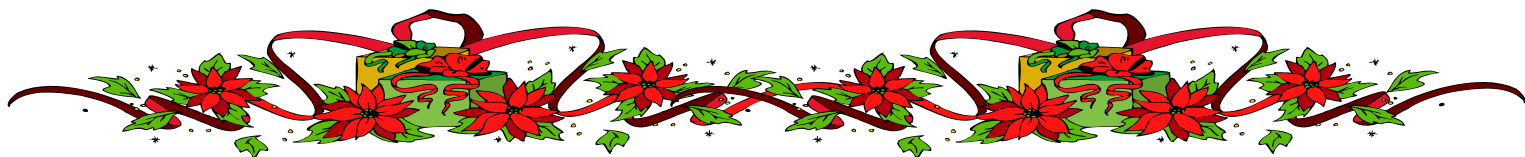
Recording Secretary
Penny Ignazio
281-339-1948

Chaplain
Norma Byous
281-332-4681

Corresponding Secretary
Natalie Roth
281-538-2417

Historian
Frances Nussbaum
281-990-0099





*CCRW Christmas Luncheon
& 2012 Officer Installation*

*Guest Speaker Borah Van Dormolen
Republican National Committee Women*

*December 2, 2011
11:00 am - 1:00 pm*

*Tad Akers
218 Clear Creek Ave
League City, Texas 77573*

*Cost \$35.00 per person
(includes hall rental, food and fundraiser)
Cash bar*

*RSVP By November 15, 2011
Mail Checks or cash to:
Lesley Bruemmer
PAC Treasurer
2301 Meadows Blvd.
League City, Texas 77573*

*We will be accepting unwrapped toys for Light House Ministries
We will also be signing Christmas cards to the troops.*

*Officers will be sworn in for 2012 year.
Elected officials and candidates are invited.*



Calendar of Events

NOV

- 23 **Galveston 10th annual Festival of Lights** at Moody Gardens through Jan 1, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Info www.moodygardens.org
- 26 **Dickinson 13 Annual Festival of Lights** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through January 1, Paul Hopkins Park, FM 517 and Maple Drive Info www.dickinsonfestivaloflights.org
- 30 **LaMarque annual Christmas parade** 6 p.m. Starting at La Marque HS, 300 Vauthier St. Info 409-935-1408

DEC

Since there are two holidays this month please check with the organizations to see if their meetings will be taking place.

- 1 **Pachyderms** at noon at Olympia Grill, Pier 21 Galveston. Pachyderms meet every Thurs (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)
- 2 **Clear Creek Republican Women Christmas Party** – Tad Akers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for info Sarah Von Dran at bigbadoma@att.net
League City Lighting of the Tree co sponsor the Knights of Columbus #9310 and the L.C. Parks Recreation Dept. at 6:30 p.m. in front of Helen Hall Library Info 281-554-1188
- 2-4 **League City Holiday in the Park Festival** info www.holidayinthepark.org
- 3 **Winter Carnival** The Galloway School, 3200 W. Bay Area Blvd. Friendswood, starts at 11 a.m. info winternival@comcast.net
- 3 **Children's Holiday Costume Parade**, League City 9:30 a.m. Info www.holidayinthepark.org
Bacliff – Bayside Lions 2nd Annual Christmas Parade 5:30 p.m. starts at Clifton by the Sea info 281-802-0877
- 3-4 **Dickens on the Strand** Info www.galvestonhistory.org
- 6 **Commissioners Court** 1 p.m. Moody Court, Galveston. Court meets every Tuesday (December 6, 13, 20, 29)
- 7 **Bay Area Republican Women** will not be having a regular meeting this month. Their Annual Egg Nog Party 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Info 281-280-9995
- 8 **Ryan Sitton's Catfish Fry** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sudie's Seafood House, 352 N. Gulf Frwy, League City. Info 281-819-0024. RSVP please
Act for America 6:30 p.m. Mario's Restaurant on NASA 1 info Tanya Klosel at completelystellar@yahoo.com
Dickinson Rotary annual Christmas Parade 7 p.m. at the Shrine of True Cross Catholic Church, 300 FM 517 E. Info Janet Tombrella 281-337-9324
- 10 **Kemah's 50th Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade** Info kpierce@kemah-tx.com
League City and Clear Lake Area Chambers 50th annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade, 6 p.m. at South Shore Harbor Marina & Nassau Bay Lagoon to Galveston Bay Info 281-554-1025
- 10/11 **Dickinson Tourism and Museum 4th annual Holiday Express** Sat 10 am to 5 pm, Sun 1 pm to 5 pm, Historic Railroad Center 218 FM 517 W Info 281-534-4367 or aforbes@ci.dickinson.tx.us
Christmas in Kemah will feature many events to many to list. Info Kpeirce@kemah-tx.com or 281-334-3181
- 13 **Larry Taylor event with Jimmy Fullen** Hidden Palms, Santa Fe 6 pm to 8 p.m. Info inssurf@aol.com
Commissioners Court
- 15 **Republican Network** – There will be no meeting tonight due to the holiday
- 17 **Holiday Ice Carving** – Lighthouse District Kemah Info kpierce@kemah-tx.com
- 20 **Galveston County Republican CEC Meeting** to draw for positions on the ballot. County Seat, Galveston Info meeksbarbara@aol.com
Commissioners Court
- 21 **Galveston County Republican Women** – Christmas Luncheon Info bgutierrez314@comcast.net
- 22 **Friendswood Republican Women** will not be holding their monthly meeting due to the holidays.
- 23 See you in January
- 25 **Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas.**
- 26 **Health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.**
- 27 **Commissioners Court**
- 31 **Wishing you a safe New Year's Eve. Remember to please drive safely.**

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Happy and Healthy New Year

There will be several Candidate Forums in January and I will keep you informed of where and when.

- 10 **Dickinson VFW Post** will be hosting a candidate forum on this day. Please keep the date open. More info to follow.