

Clear Creek



**NEXT  
MEETING  
NOV. 4**

**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](http://www.estebanscafe.com)**

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# CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN NOVEMBER 2011



## November News

### From your President

Well, finally we have some Fall weather or at least the air conditioner is not running all the time! As November approaches, we start to think of the Holiday Season and all the activities involved. Election Day is November 8 where we vote on all the propositions. We must all go to the polls and vote. It is our privilege and honor to vote. If you are unhappy with the results, you have no reason to complain. If you know anyone that needs to get registered to vote, please contact several members that are certified to register. Call me and I can refer you. Are you interested in being a poll worker to pass out push card or otherwise help at the polls, be sure to contact Penny Ignazio for information.

As all the candidates are preparing to register for their perspective office between November 12 and December 12, many are having Meet and Greets, Fundraisers and Office openings. Attend

these meeting and get to know the candidates, get to know where they stand on various issues, get involved in helping get them elected in the Primary in March. If you can not financially support, support them with your time. There are many



**Sarah Von Dran**

things we can do to help. There has been several public forums that have been most informative. It is necessary for all of us to help the candidate of our choice and be assured all Republicans are elected into office.

Veteran Day is Nov 11th and there are several parades and activities to honor our Veterans. Let's give

thanks to them for protecting us and insuring our Freedom we have today.. November 17 through the 20th many of us will be in Ft. Worth for the TFRW convention. Be prepared to hear about all the marvelous ideas we received. Party times included.

As we approach Thanksgiving, CCRW will once again be providing food for baskets in the San Leon area. Any volunteers to deliver or purchase food items will be greatly appreciated.. Talk to me about a scheduled time. To each and everyone HAPPY THANKSGIVING, may each of you be blessed as you share the holiday with family and loved ones.





# CCRW Volunteer Hours

September Hours—578

Total Volunteer Hours to Date—8532

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

Clear Creek Republican Women

**Women  
Making  
a  
Difference!**



## Membership Report

## Treasurer Report

**99 Full Members  
78 Associates Members**

Welcome new members:

**ASSOCIATES**

Vernon Wall, Daniel McCool, Jack Ewing & Randy Weber

**FULL**

Jennifer Sitton, Brenda Weber, Carole Laubach, Carrie Wall & Cheryl Faircloth

**BALANCE**

**\$ 3174.97**

[www.clearcreekrw.org](http://www.clearcreekrw.org)

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# Featured Speaker for November



**Michelle Dry  
Commander  
American Legion  
Post 554  
League City**

Our November speaker will be

**MICHELLE DRY, COMMANDER,  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 554  
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS**

Michelle joined the Army Reserves in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1974 along with her mother. They were the first mother-daughter team to join the reserves. The Army waived the age restrictions for her mother, Beverly, because she had formerly served in the Women's Air Corp (WAC). Her last assignment was in Washington, D.C. where she served in a Military Intelligence Unit and was honorably discharged in

1977.

After her military service, she married and began her family. She now has a total of 12 grandchildren. She has raised one of her grandchildren since he was 18 months old. It was discovered he had serious kidney disease and had to have a kidney transplant. Even though she spent many days at Texas Children's Hospital, she still continued to work.

She's worked as an investment

banker, a facilitator for a training company, a project manager for an air condition/heating company and is currently the managing partner of an entertainment vending company, Apollo Vending, which has several locations in the Bay Area. Michelle was born in West Virginia, but has been a resident of this area for over 30 years. She became a member of the American Legion in 2006 and has served as an officer for the last three years. She became the first female commander of Post 554 this year. She will be speaking on Women in the Military.



## November Birthdays

11-1 Carolyn Willett

11-3 Constable Jerry Fisher

11-4 Michelle Slaughter

11-7 Roxann Lewis

11-9 Sandra Brooker

11-11 Niki Stevens

11-12 John LeCour

11-13 Tammy Gonzalez

11-16 Cynthia Taus Delgado

11-23 Sharon Ferguson

11-25 Tanya Kloesel

11-29 Virginia Mason

11-30 Billie Listiak



# Minutes ~ General Membership ~ Oct. 7, 2011

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on Friday, Oct. 7, 2011 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Norma Byous led us in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Penny Ignazio, Secretary of CCRW. Sarah introduced the 12 elected officials, 20 candidates and 19 guests attending. Tommye Randolph, V.P. of Programs, introduced our guest speaker, Rep. Larry Taylor (Dist. 24), who spoke on the amendments that will be on the Nov. ballot.

The business meeting resumed at 12:35 pm. The minutes of the Sept. 2, 2011 meeting that were published in the newsletter were approved with no corrections.

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Michelle Slaughter V. P. Membership  
Tommye Randolph  
& Kathie Nenninger V. P. Programs  
Natalie Roth Corresponding Sec.  
PAC Treasurer Leslie Bruemmer

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bonnie Wilson Outreach program

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The nomination committee consisting of Penny Ignazio, Cindy Seidensticker and Barbara Vollmer presented the slate of officers for the 2012 year. The slate was accepted and passed with no changes.

President Sarah Von Dran  
VP Membership Michelle Slaughter  
VP Programs Penny Ignazio  
Recording Sec Rebecca Allcorn  
Corresponding Sec Natalie Roth  
PAC Treasurer Lesley Bruemmer

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Andrew Kerr from Empower Texans presented Larry Taylor with the Tax-payers Advocate Award for 2011.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cheryl Johnson: In two weeks you should receive the new tax payment form. You can now make your payments in 2 installments.

**December 2, 2011—Clear Creek Republican Women will be hosting our annual Christmas Party Swearing In the new officers at Tad Akers.**

Clear Lake Tea Party event is Oct. 25

Mark Henry: Shipment mailed to military

Bonnie Wilson: Bring in old cell phones

Kerry Neves: Festival of Lights in Dickinson will begin on Nov. 26

Republican Network is Oct 20

Bay Area Republican Women is Oct. 26

Friendswood Republican Women is Oct. 27

Kathleen McCumber & Jerry Fischer fundraiser is Oct. 26

Ken Clark event is Oct. 30

Randy Weber event is Oct. 19

John Kenard event is Oct. 13

Daniel McCool thanked everyone who came out for the Clear Lake Republican event.

Tommye Randolph reminded us that early voting is Oct. 24 through Nov. 4

Penny Ignazio  
Recording Secretary.

# Community Outreach Report ~ Caring for America

County Judge Mark Henry said they have already sent 18 boxes, over 250 pounds of "loving care" to our troops. The boxes go to a chaplain stationed in Saudi Arabia and then are distributed to different bases in the Middle East.

Thank all of you for your generosity. Boxes can still be mailed up to December 3, 2011, so you still have time to bring items, either to the CCRW Nov 4th meeting or take them by the Judge's North County Annex office any Friday between now and then.

If you are unsure about an item, please call either Bonnie Wilson or Sarah Von Dran.

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





**CCRW was recently named a 2011 Silver Award Winner by the**



**Many thanks to all those that worked so diligently in meeting the criteria requirements for this achievement. SPECIAL THANKS to Kathie Nenninger who spent countless hours in research to complete the application for CCRW.**

**Kathie, you are the best! We appreciate you!**

**[Click Here to View the NFRW 2011 AWARDS](#)**

## CCRW 2011 Officers

**President**  
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**Treasurer**  
Lesley Bruemmer  
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Jeanie Krantz  
713-259-9022

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Michelle Slaughter  
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**Publicity**  
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281-332-6636

**Newsletter**  
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254-716-5373

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

**Outreach**  
Bonnie Wilson  
281-332-8039

**Campaign Activities**  
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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





Mark your  
calendars



# Calendar of Events

## **NOVEMBER**

- 1 **Taste of Town Auction**, Nessler Center 2010 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Texas City, more info contact Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce 409-935-1408 **Jay Old**  
**Campaign Kick-Off**, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Fred Burns, 2816 Avenue O, Galveston
- 2 **Judge Lonnie Cox Campaign Fundraiser**, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fisherman's Wharf, 2200 Harborside Dr, Pier 21, Galveston
- 4 **Clear Creek Republican Women**, Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.—Esteban's Fiesta Shack on FM 518. (NOTE: If you didn't turn in your monthly volunteer hours, please bring the amount of time with you for Tanya Klosel.)
- 7 **Michelle Slaughter Birthday Fundraiser**, 6 to 8 p.m. at Sherry's Busy Bee Café', 12350 Hwy 6, Sante Fe. For more information call Michelle at 281-786-0447

## 8 **ELECTION DAY**



- Ryan Dennard Campaign Fiesta and Fundraiser**, 6 to 8 p.m. at Jackie's Brickhouse, 1053 Marina Bay Dr (FM 2094)
- Greg Bonnen Campaign Kick-Off**, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Hidden Palms, Sante Fe. For info call Amanda at 832-315-0912
- 7 **Greg Bonnen Campaign Kick-Off**, 6 to 8 p.m., La Brisa, League City. For info call Amanda at 832-315-0912
- 8 **Todd Kinsey Galveston County Republican Party "No Ties Allowed" Party**, 5 to 8 p.m., Salsa's on the Seawall, Galveston. For more information email [todd.kinsey@gmail.com](mailto:todd.kinsey@gmail.com)  
**Bill Chuoke Campaign Kick-Off**, 6 to 8 p.m., Nessler Center (Alamo Room), Texas City—Info [bchuoke@earthlink.net](mailto:bchuoke@earthlink.net)

## 11 **Veteran's Day**

- 12 **Veteran's of Foreign War Post 6378 will have their Veteran's Parade** in memory of Sam Anzadula. Parade line up is 8am and the parade begins at 9am. Line up at Regions Bank on FM 517 and HWY 3. County Judge Mark Henry will be the Grand Marshall. Contact Lucy Winterfeld @ 832-330-2588 for more information.  
Phillip Morris Campaign Kick-Off, 5:30 to 9 pm, Esteban's Fiesta Shack on FM 518, League City  
**Filing day begins for all candidates and precinct chairs. Barbara Meeks will be at headquarters from 10am to 6pm. Please contact Barbara at [meeksbarabara@aol.com](mailto:meeksbarabara@aol.com). If you are not coming in on this day, appointments will be required. Last day to file is Dec. 12th.**
- 15 **Friendswood Republican Women Meet n Greet**, 4:30 to 7 pm, Village on the Park, Friendswood. For information, contact Deborah Winters Chaney at [Deborah@deborahwinters.com](mailto:Deborah@deborahwinters.com)  
**Ryan Dennard Campaign Meet n Greet**, 6 to 8 pm, Bayshore Gardens, 2007 Bayshore Drive, San Leon
- 16 **Galveston County Republican Women** meet at 11:30 a.m. For information—[bgutierrez314@comcast.net](mailto:bgutierrez314@comcast.net)
- 17 **Brett Busby Campaign Fundraiser** for 14th Court of Appeals 33, at the home of Rosemary Porretto, 7 Est Dansby Dr., Galveston, for more information, contact [justice@gmail.com](mailto:justice@gmail.com)

20 THERE WILL BE NO REPUBLICAN NETWORKING MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. See you in January!

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26 Kerry Neves and the City of Dickinson invite you to attend the **Festival of Lights** at Paul Hopkins Park on FM 517. Festival runs Nov. 26 through Jan. 1st.