

Clear Creek



**NEXT
MEETING
OCT 7**

**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

OCTOBER 2011

The President's Address

Legislative Amendments



Sarah Von Dran

There is an election on Nov. 8th on Legislative Amendments. These are explained to us by Theresa Kosmoski, Cor. Secretary, Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Woman, so we can easily understand what the amendments are. She has done a great deal of research and the language is easy to read and understand.

The ballot this November will include, among other things, ten constitutional amendments for your consideration. One of my all time "pet peeves" is ballot language that doesn't clearly explain what you are voting for, and this year is no exception. For that reason, I am going to try to "plain English" the propositions for you. **If you vote "yes" to any of the propositions, this is what you are voting for:**

Proposition 1 would let the Legislature give property tax exemptions on all or part of the market value of homes *owned by totally disabled veterans or their surviving spouses.*
Proposition 2 would let the Texas Water Development Board *issue more general obligation fund bonds - up to \$6 million - to pay for key needs.*

Proposition 3 would permit *general obligation bonds* to be issued to help finance student loans.

Proposition 4 would let the Legislature *give counties the ability to issue bonds or other funding to pay for redeveloping blighted, underdeveloped or unproductive areas and raise ad valorem taxes in those areas to help repay the debt. Can anyone say "County TIRZ"?*

Proposition 5 would give the Legislature authority to let cities and counties enter into interlocal contracts with other communities to consolidate various services and programs without requiring the communities to meet tax assessment and sinking fund (bond fund) requirements. Such "shared" buildings might include criminal justice buildings, animal shelters, etc. Currently the law prohibits comingling of funds or obligations between taxing agencies.

Proposition 6 would allow for more money to be transferred from the Permanent School Fund (the "PSF") - which helps finance Texas public schools but is not available to the legislature at their discretion -- to the Available School Fund, which is the pot of money the Legislature is allowed to draw from to spend on Texas schools. *In my opinion, the effect of this could be that it eases the legislature's burden to finance education, much the same way the lottery does. When more money is added to the pot from another fund the legislature has historically reduced the general fund obligation for that purpose, resulting in a "net zero" funding scenario, and in this*

case it might create a deficit situation.

Proposition 7 would let *El Paso County* be included in the list of Texas counties that may create conservation and reclamation districts to develop recreational facilities and parks.

Proposition 8 would give Texans using *agricultural exemptions* more tools to manage their property by encouraging water quality improvement projects.

Proposition 9 would let the governor *grant a pardon* to people who successfully complete deferred adjudication community supervision.

Proposition 10 would *revise the "resign to run" provision* in Texas law, extending the length of time elected officials may serve in office once they announce their candidacy for another office. Some say this is to address the filing deadline that was bumped to December, from January. If the proposition is adopted, elected officials may announce plans to run for a different office one year and one month -- rather than just one year, as the law currently states, before their term ends -- without having to resign their post.



CCRW Volunteer Hours

September Hours—1234

Total Volunteer Hours to Date—7954

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

Clear Creek Republican Women

**Women
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Difference!**



Membership Report

Treasurer Report

93 Full Members
74 Associates Members

Welcome new members:

ASSOCIATES

Brett Busby, Kerry Neves, Rhett Eubanks,
John Babcock & Susan Lewis

FULL

Lori Wilson, Debbie Singleton,
Crystal Sargent, Marlene Manchaca &
Kristin LaValle

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Larry Taylor
State
Representative
District 24

Featured Speaker for OCTOBER

Our October speaker will be our very own State Representative District 24 and friend of Clear Creek RW, Larry Taylor. Representative Taylor will be addressing the ten Constitutional Amendments that will be included on the upcoming November Ballot. So often, the ballot language doesn't always read with clarity and we welcome explanations and interpretations of these propositions.

Rep. Taylor was elected as State Representative for District 24 in 2002 and is currently serving his fourth term Interim. Rep. Taylor was appointed to the Property & Casualty Insurance Legislative Oversight Committee, the House Select Committee on Hurricane Ike Devastation and to the Select Committee on Property

Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform. He was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Caucus for a two year term.

Additionally, Rep. Taylor's acknowledgements include, the Friend of the Taxpayer award given by the Americans for Prosperity Organization and the Conservative Leader Award given to the top 16 conservative leaders by the Heritage Alliance. In addition, he was recognized as a Champion for Free Enterprise by the Texas Association of Business for the third legislative term in a row. Most recently, The Sealy and Smith Foundation gave Taylor its Texas Legislative Champion award for his efforts to obtain the state support

needed to repair the medical branch after Hurricane Ike and to secure the support needed to build the \$438 million Jennie Sealy Hospital.

Rep. Taylor was born and raised in Friendswood, where he still resides and is married with three children. He received his BBA from Baylor University in 1982 and currently owns Truman Taylor Insurance Company.

CONTACT INFO

October Birthdays

- 10 - 2 Paula Smith
- 10 - 5 Rosalie Drilling
- 10 - 8 Virginia Dismukes
- 10 - 10 Michelle Davis
- 10 - 13 Karen Abshire

- 10 - 20 Claudette Gage
- 10 - 21 Sarah Von Dran
- 10 - 28 Diane Kerkhove
- 10 - 28 Hon. Barbara Roberts



Minutes ~ General Membership ~ Sept. 2, 2011

President Sarah Von Dran called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at noon on Friday, September 2, 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 Michelle Slaughter Sarah introduced the 10 elected officials, 12 candidates and 12 guests attending. Tommye Randolph, V.P. of Programs, introduced our guest speaker, Ken Clark, who spoke on redistricting.

The business meeting resumed at 12:30 pm. The minutes of the August 6, 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
Cindy Seidensticker Hospitality
Tanya Kloesel Campaign Activities
Kathie Nenninger Legislation – local
Jeanie Kranz Legislation - Washington

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The nomination committee consisting of Penny Ignazio, Cindy Seidensticker and Barbara Vollmer spoke and the slate of officers for the 2012 year is as follows:
President Sarah Von Dran
VP Membership Michelle Slaughter
VP Programs Penny Ignazio
Recording Sec Rebecca Allcorn
Corresponding Sec Natalie Roth
PAC Treasurer Lesley Bruemmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Texas Federation of Republican Women - convention will be held in Ft Worth Texas from November 18-20. Anyone interested in attending please let Sarah

Von Dran know immediately.

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

Ken Clark introduced his mom who was visiting from Florida.

Galveston Republican Women's Fund Raiser on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011

Lonnie Cox's campaign kick off 9/22

Randy Weber's campaign kick off in Galveston County 9/19

J. L. Campbell's campaign kick off 9/17

Pam Matranga's campaign kick off 9/24

Kerry Neves' campaign kick off 9/29

Henry Trochesset's campaign kickoff 9/8

John Gay's campaign kick off 9/22

State Representative Larry Taylor announced his candidacy for State Senator District 11.

Community Outreach Report ~ Caring for America

It's not too early to begin collecting items for Christmas packages to sent to our military men and women. Packages have to be mailed **NO LATER** than **December 3rd** in order for them to get packages by Christmas.

Items needed include: baby wipes, Q-tips, travel size shampoo, shaving cream (no aerosol cans), toothpaste, deodorant, baby and foot powder, lotion, Lip balm/chap stick, freezer pops, playing cards, word puzzles, chewing gum, candy in original wrapper (no chocolate or soft candy that can melt), sunblock, SPF 45, bug spray, etc. These are some suggestions.

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





Clear Creek Republican Women

**Women
Making
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Difference!**

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



Texas Federation of Republican Women

The Most Powerful Women's Political Organization in Texas Today!

CCRW 2011 Officers

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Lesley Bruemmer
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Jeanie Krantz
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Penny Ignazio
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Chaplain
Norma Byous
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Historian
Frances Nussbaum
281-990-0099

Corresponding Secretary
Natalie Roth
281-538-2417



*Mark your
calendars*



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 1 **Santa Fe Car and Bike Show** Hwy 6 and FM 646 for more info Contact faypicard@comcast.net
- 1/2 **Oak Tree Festival** League City Park FM 518 next to RR Tracks Saturday 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday 10 am to 5 pm
- 4 **National Night Out** check with your local area for night out events
Commissioners Court 1 pm Moody Court Galveston, court meets every Tuesday
(October 4, 11, 18 and 25)
League City Lions meet the first and third Tuesdays (Oct 4 and 18) at noon at the Red River
Bar-B-Que on FM 518
- 5 **Santa Fe Chamber BANG** (Bay Area Network Group) meets every Wednesday (October 5,
12, 19 and 26) at 7:30 am at 12408 Hwy 6 Santa Fe
- 6 **Pachyderms** meet every Thursday (October 6, 13, 20 and 27) at noon at Olympia Grill, Pier 21
Galveston
League City Historical Society Dinner at Butler's Courtyard RSVP Catherine Lewis
at 281-554-2994
League City Rotary meets at noon each Thursday (October 6, 13, 20 and 27) at the Harbor
Club at South Shore Harbor Resort
Friendswood Chamber Lunch 11:30 am to 1 pm Green Event Center
Jimmy Fullen – Constable Pct 4 Sponsors Business after Hours from 5 to 7 pm at Good Ole Days
Grounds 8300 Highway 6, Hitchcock more info Teresa Weishuhn at hcofc662@verizon.net or
409-986-9224
- 7 **Clear Creek Republican Women** 11:30 am at Esteban's Fiesta Shack on FM518 If you didn't
report campaign hours or volunteer hours, please bring the amount of time with you for Tanya
Kloesel
League City BANG (Bay Area Network Group)
meets every Friday (October 7, 14, 21 and 28) at Tad Akers
- 8 **Float the Boat** fundraiser the artist boat will have a silent auction and wine tasting from 6 to
10 pm at Eiband's, 2201 Postoffice St, Galveston. Raffle on a 14 ft Kayak info
www.artistboat.org or 409-770-0722
- 11 **Commissioners Court** 1 pm
- 12 **John Kinard for Sheriff** campaign kick-off 6 to 8 pm Butler's Courtyard, 122 Michigan Ave. ,
League City
Santa Fe Bang (Bay Area Network Group) 7:30 am
- 13 **Pachyderms** 12 noon
League City Rotary noon
Act for America 6 p.m. Mario's Pizza, NASA 1 for more info contact Tanya Kloesel
at completelystella@yahoo.com
King Tut Exhibit starts at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. The exhibit will run through
October 13, 2011. It is a great exhibit, so make time to see it.

Calendar of Events



- 14 **League City BANG** 7:30 am
- 14/16 **Kemah Elks Lodge** BBQ cook off- Elks Lodge 623 Hanson Road, Kemah for info contact Jim Ott 713-829-2199
- 15 **Space Center Houston** annual Shrimporee 11 am Landolt Pavillion, Clear Lake Park
Wings Over Houston Ellington Field starts
Bayou Festival 8 am to 8 pm Highland Bayou Park, La Marque Exit 10 @ I 45 more info call 409-935-1408
- 15/16 **Artoberfest** downtown historic Galveston Saturday 10 am to 6 pm Sunday 10 am to 5 pm info artoberfest.com
- 18 **Commissioners Court**
League City Lions
- 19 **Galveston County Republican Women** 11:30 am Hilton Hotel on the seawall guest speaker Cheryl Johnson more info Bgutierrez314@comcast.net
Santa Fe BANG
Texas City Homecoming Parade
Ray Lease campaign kick-off Walter Hall Pavillion Hwy 3 League City 5 to 9 pm
- 20 **Pachyderms**
League City Rotary
Friendswood 15th Golf Classic Timber Creek 10:30 am
Republican Network - La Brisa, League City 6:30 pm I-45 N Justices Forum
- 21 **League City BANG**
- 21/22 **Island Oktoberfest** Lutheran Church two day German festival 24th and Winnie St. Galveston info galvestonoktoberfest.com
Countryfest Bazaar two days Aldersgate United Methodist Church 1317 FM 1764 info 409-945-3212 or mcgoodman1947@yahoo.com
- 25 **Commissioners Court**
Clear Lake Tea Party Rally at Gulf Greyhound Park 7 to 9 pm guest speaker is Herman Cain presidential candidate for 2012 more info budcltp@sbcglobal.net or 281-923-4948
J. Harvey Brown Justice for the First Court of Appeals campaign kick-off 5:30 to 7 pm at Grappino di Nino, 2817 West Dallas Avenue, Houston more info jharveybrown@gmail.com
- 26 **Bay Area Republican Women** 11 am Bay Oaks Country Club for more info www.barw.org
Santa Fe BANG (Bay Area Network Group)
- 27 **Pachyderms**
Friendswood Republican Women's 11:15 am Perry's Grill on FM 518 for more info krogers@classwide.com
League City Rotary
Friendswood Start your day breakfast 7:30 am Chambers office
Galveston County Young Republican's meeting 7 pm at GOP Headquarters, 1100 Gulf Frwy N, League City for more info contact Danny Maldonado at dmaldonado@cteh.com
- 28 **Galveston County Chamber Halloween Mixer** 6 to 8 pm, H2o lounge, San Luis Resort on the seawall. More info contact Erin Kay @ ekay@galvestonchamber.com or 409-763-5326
League City BANG (Bay Area Network Group)
- 29 **North Galveston Chamber 1st annual night time car show and sock hop.** Walter Hall Park and Pavilion 807 Hw 3 N, League city 4 to 11 pm
San Leon golf cart parade starts at noon from Judges
- 30 **Ken Clark's 13th Annual Rubbin Elbows Cajun Fest** 1 to 4 pm Walter Hall Park Pavillion, 807 Hw 3 N, League City
Friendswood's 12th Annual Halloween in the Park, 6 to 8 pm Stevenson Park

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Taste of Town Auction**, Nessler Center 2010 5th Ave, Texas City, more info contact Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce 409-935-1408