



Clear Creek Republican Women 25th Anniversary 2000-2025

April 2025

TFRW REGION XVIII

SENATE DISTRICT 11



President's Message

Clear Creek Republican Women exists to help elect Republicans to public office, and we have fun in the process! This year, cities and school boards will hold elections on Saturday May 3. While positions are non-partisan, it is extremely important to elect proven conservatives; our monthly meetings are the perfect opportunity to meet candidates. You can find your sample ballot at GalvestonVotes.org Also on May 3, Galveston County will have a Bond Election for A) Roads & bridges, B) County facilities and C) Drainage projects, to accommodate our growing County. It is important to note the Bonds will NOT result in a tax-rate increase. All projects from the 2017 Bond election have been completed and the County has consistently reduced the tax-rate each year. Learn more at galvestoncountybonds.com

The Texas Legislature is halfway through its regular session. Two dozen CCRW members attended TFRW Legislative Day on Friday March 21 with hundreds of Republican Women from across the state. We enjoyed a luxury motor coach to/from Austin, attended legislative training and met with Legislators.

Nationally, President Trump and his cabinet continue to produce amazing results! Our Congressman Randy Weber introduced a resolution to censure Rep. Jasmine Crockett, D-TX for her derogatory remarks about Gov. Greg Abbott. We must reject democrats, anti-America protestors and looters as we take a stand for our Conservative officials, values and principles.

Make plans to attend our meeting and enjoy lunch Friday April 4 at La Brisa in League City. We look forward to hearing from GCSO Capt. Tommy Maffei and learning about a local K-9 Team!

Come join the fun and CCRW!
Barbara Meeks, President



2025 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Barbara Meeks

1st VP MEMBERSHIP

Sandi McNeil

2nd VP PROGRAMS

Kristen Day

SECRETARY

Ange Mertens

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Lanette Lashway

PAC TREASURER

Cathy Hansen

TREASURER

Kayla Allen

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Della Brown/Chrissy
Crews

April Monthly Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025

Speaker – Capt. Thomas Maffei ...
about K9s in Law Enforcement
Join us on to learn more. Register
by Monday the week of the meeting
and join us



Thomas J. Maffei is a licensed Peace Officer with the state of Texas, employed by the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. He is currently assigned as the Uniformed Operations Division Captain.

He currently oversees the Patrol Division, Special Operations Division (Crime Reduction Unit, K9 Unit, and Traffic Unit), along with the Tactical Operations Division (SWAT/CNT). Prior to being promoted to the rank of Captain, he was assigned to the Law Enforcement Bureau as a Patrol Sergeant. Capt. Maffei was also a member of the Galveston County Sheriffs Office Special Operations Group (SOG) where he served as a team leader, assistant commander and SOG commander. Prior to joining SOG, he was a member of the Special Response Group (SRG) where he also served as a Team Leader.

There will be a K9 & handler from another dept attending with Capt. Maffei. Please keep in mind that this K9 is a working dog and not a regular pet so please don't engage but feel free to ask questions! We look forward to seeing you all.

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April Monthly Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025 11:30AM Social

12:00PM - 1:00PM Meeting

La Brisa Mexican Grille

501 N Wesley Drive, League City

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

AWARDS

Roxann Lewis

BYLAWS

Loretta Roberts

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Debra Niblack

CHAPLAIN

Debra Niblack

HOSPITALITY

Connie Buck

LEGISLATIVE

Dawn King

LITERACY & CARING FOR AMERICA

Kari Long

NEWSLETTER

Ange Mertens

PARLIMENTARIAN

Jennifer Ott

PUBLICITY

Linda Duryea

SOCIAL MEDIA

Kristen Day

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cinnamon Scully

WEBSITE

Kristen Day

MARCH MINUTES

Clear Creek Republican Women General Meeting Minutes

The March 7, 2025 general meeting for the CCRW was called to order by President Barbara Meeks at 12:00 pm.

Prayer by Chaplain Debra Niblack
Pledges by School Board Trustee Scott Bowen
Elected Officials and Guests were introduced

The minutes for the February 7, 2025 meeting were presented. Motion to accept by Roxann Lewis and 2nd by Kathie Nenninger, motion passes unanimously

Sandi McNeil presented membership numbers with 84 Members and 45 Associate Members. We are well on our way of meeting our goal of 120 Members and 50 Associate Members. There will be a raffle drawing today, you get one entry for becoming a New Member and one entry if you Bring In a New Member
Barbara Meeks added that if you join by March 15, 2025 you will be included in the Directory

Treasurer Kayla Allen presented balances Feb 7 \$15,238.27 Mar 7 \$15,613.64

Introduced Finance Committee Chair Kathie Nenninger

Kristen Day introduced our speaker Jeffrey Addicott, Law Professor, Lt Col with 20 years in the military, Senior advisor for the Green Berets, worked with President Bush after 9/11, Warrior Defense Project, Texas Disabled Veterans. He spoke all about being a Patriot and made a plea for everyone to contact your Senator or Congressman to vote for Disabled Veteran Tax Reduction, the amount has not changed in 50 years!

Barbara Meeks reminded everyone about the TFRW Legislative Day on March 21st
Faye spoke about the CCRW Cruise Sept 22-27. Get your reservation now, they will be able to get you the cheapest price if it goes lower than advertised price.

Membership Contest Drawing-Loretta Roberts
Door Prize-Connie Buck and Shari Ferguson

Kristen Day announced April meeting speaker will be Orlando Sanchez
March 15th County Commissioner Hank Dugie will hold an All You Can Eat "Drain the Swamp" Crawfish Boil at Countryside Park in League City

Meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Meeks at 12:57

Respectfully submitted by. Ange Mertens CCRW Recording Secretary

The State of the State



SENATE BILL 11 PASSES SENATE TO PUT PRAYER BACK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUSTIN- Senator Mayes Middleton has authored and passed Lt. Governor Patrick’s priority legislation Senate Bill 11 out of the Senate. The bill would allow school districts to vote on whether they would like to allocate a period of time for prayer and reading of religious texts. Should a school district adopt this policy, parents and students are given the right to exclude themselves for any reason. The bill will now be debated in the Texas House of Representatives.

“Our public schools are not God-free zones,” said Middleton. “It is long past time to undo the damage done by the U.S. Supreme Court legislating from the bench, as is evident by Lieutenant Governor Patrick’s high priority designation. This bill provides students with an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual side of life, and studies have shown that life grounded in faith is good for mental health and peaceful relationships.”

“This bill is a strong stance for religious expressions of all kinds,” Middleton continued. “It is not exclusionary to any single religion as opposition to it claims, but it permissively gives school districts the choice to adopt a time for prayer or reading of any religious texts. It is important to give Texas teachers and students a time to meditate and reflect with God to grow in their learning and faith. The bill includes a voluntary protection for our educators to express their religion freely, just as the rest of us can freely express ours. With waivers, parents can opt their children in or out of the prayer and reading time. The goal of this bill is to make the freedom of religion more easily accessible to teachers and students in the place where they spend most of their time—school.”

Senate Bill 11 will now be heard in the Texas House of Representatives during the 89th Legislature, which is currently underway.

CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN

MAYES 

Middleton

OUR TEXAS SENATOR

**SENATOR MAYES MIDDLETON AUTHORS AND PASSES BILL TO PROTECT
CHILDREN FROM OBSCENE MATERIALS AND PERFORMANCES**

AUSTIN- The Texas Senate has passed Senate Bill 412, authored by Senator Mayes Middleton, to protect Texas children from sexualization. There is never a reason to give a child pornography or have them sexually perform for an adult.

“This bill removes affirmative defense loopholes that made it harder to prosecute predators for showing obscene materials to children and sexual performances of a child,” said Senator Middleton. “S.B. 412 protects our innocent children and ensures those that harm them are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

Senate Bill 412 will now be considered by the Texas House of Representatives.

BAN TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING

For too long, taxpayers' and parents' own tax dollars have been used to lobby against them in Austin. These taxpayer-funded lobbyists have squandered millions of dollars of your hard-earned dollars to lobby against border security, election integrity, parental choice in education, teacher pay raises, and even fought against property tax relief and reform. Taxpayer-funded lobbying groups, like Texas Association of School Boards, use your school tax dollars to lobby against the bill to stop men from going into girls' restrooms and locker rooms, and invited transgender advocates to train school board members on how to use pronouns. Time and time again, we have seen taxpayer-funded lobbyists advocate against Texans and against common sense.

Nearly \$70 million per year is spent on taxpayer-funded lobbying. We don't need an Austin lobbyist middleman between state and local elected officials. We are elected to represent our constituents directly. Thank you to Lieutenant Governor Dan Patick for making S.B. 19 a priority this session. There is a mandate for D.O.G.E. in Texas, and taxpayers are sick and tired of government waste, fraud, and abuse. Now is the time to end this unethical practice of taxpayer dollars being used to lobby against taxpayers.

**GOD BLESS TEXAS
MAYES MIDDLETON**

MEMBERSHIP

by Sandi McNeil

JOIN NOW

Grow Our Community!

Our mission is too important not to share! Bring a friend, family member, colleague, or neighbor to our next event and introduce them to the camaraderie and purpose that make our group so special. The more voices we have, the stronger we stand in supporting Republican candidates in our cities, county, and state.

When you see a new face at a luncheon, be the first to offer a warm welcome. A simple smile and an invitation to sit at your table can turn a guest into a lifelong member and friend. Let's keep the momentum going and continue building a thriving, dynamic community!

Strengthen Friendships Beyond Our Meetings

Let's take our connections beyond the luncheon table! Plan a movie night, start a book club, visit a museum, or meet up for lunch or drinks at a local spot. The more time we spend together, the stronger our bonds become. After all, we're not just a political group—we're a sisterhood!

Join the Membership Committee

Want to play a bigger role in growing our movement? Join the Membership Committee! This is your chance to meet new people, network at local events, and help spread our mission of electing strong Republican leaders. Whether you're greeting newcomers, helping at events, or reaching out to potential members, your time and talents will make a real difference.

I can't wait to see you at our next luncheon—bring a friend, and let's continue building something great!



LOCAL ELECTIONS

MAY 3rd

early voting April 22-29

Galveston County Bond election For election information, visit
www.galvestonvotes.org/election-information/current-and-upcoming-elections/

CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Trustee, District 1 Candidates*

Joe Machol

Jessica Cejka (incumbent)

School Board Trustee, At-Large B Candidates*

Rebecca Lilley

Scott Bowen (incumbent)

DICKINSON CITY COUNCIL

Council Position #2

Dr. Marston Shaun Holt

Council Position #4

Scott Shrader

Lisa Tolhurst - Withdrawal

Council Position #6

Kevin Edmonds

Destiny Tobey

League City is holding a Special Election

on Saturday, May 3, 2025 to fill the vacancy for City Council Position No. 5, which was vacated by former councilmember Justin Hicks. The Position 5 term expires in November of 2028.

CANDIDATES

Erin Avalos

Scott Higginbotham

Kyrsten Garcia

Tim Pelletier

Charlie Keeler

Lisa Welty

FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL

Council Position #4

Robert J Griffon

Council Position #6

Tom Hinckley

Michael P Ross



Texas Legislative Day



What an AMAZING DAY in Austin,
Texas

A Great Conference and trip to Our
State Capital!!!

THANK YOU Senator Mayes Middleton,
Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen,
Representative Terri Leo-Wilson &
Apple Towing Co. for sponsoring this
INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE





Caring for America

Caring For America will have our first service project of the year. To kick spring off, we will be honoring National Police Week and National EMS Week at our May 2 meeting. We are asking for healthy(ish) snacks, such as jerky, nuts, trail mix, etc. Please bring all donations to our April Meeting, so we are able to distribute the items in May. Thank you for your support!



CCRW Membership

Membership dues are due every year in January. Please pay your membership dues online at the link below or in person to CCRW Membership Vice Chair. Help CCRW meet our 2025 Membership Goals.

2025 Membership Goals:
120 Full Members
50 Associate Members

[Join Membership Here](#)

Message from the Chaplain Debra Niblack

Month of April we celebrate the PASSOVER (April 12) and EASTER (April 20)

**Both reminds us of overcoming suffering and
bringing New Life, Hope and Joy
into our lives**

Blessings to all

25TH

ANNIVERSARY

2000-2025

Join Us as we celebrate 25 years of Clear Creek Republican Women with various events throughout the year!

Check out our new website ClearCreekRW.org to find out upcoming events, see the new officers, program chairs RSVP for luncheons and more

Thank You to Kristen Day for all of her hard work!!

ClearCreekRW.org



Greater Houston Council
of
Federated Republican Women



GHC General Meeting Dates 2025:

May 20

Sept 16

Nov 18

Mendenhall Community Center

1414 Wirt Road Houston, TX. 77055

Check in 930am; Program 10am

Anyone is welcome to attend GHC meetings.



Texas Federation of Republican Women

Quarterly Board 2025 Meeting Dates:

July 18-19 - Embassy Suite Round Rock

October 21-25 - San Antonio (Convention)

Click [HERE](#) to see the TFRW Newsletter.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1st John Kinnard, Kat Garcia
 - 10th. Ron Lieberman, Toni Randall
 - 11th Diana Lawless
 - 18th Cindy Kates
 - 20th Chrissy Crews
 - 22nd Dr Robin Armstrong
 - 24th Gigi Jameson
 - 25th Sarah Lauer
 - 26th Darrell Apffel
 - 30th Kathleen Kovachik
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25th Anniversary Celebration Cruise

Clear Creek Republican Women



COME CRUISE WITH US!

ROYAL CARRIBEAN HARMONY OF THE SEA

GALVESTON, TEXAS - SEPTEMBER 2025

Gather your friends & family to take advantage of this fund-raising opportunity. We only have a few cabins at this cost so please do not wait to send in your deposit to book your room.



6 NIGHTS

Departs: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Returns: Saturday, September 27, 2025



THREE PORTS

Departs: Galveston, TX

Ports: Cozumel, Mexico * Roatan, Honduras * Puerto Costa Maya, Mexico



Interior Cabins \$738/person

Oceanview cabins \$863/person

Balconies \$998/person

*3rd and 4th person in room upon request with payment due time of quote.



Prices include **\$50 on board credit per cabin**, meals, snacks, port charges, fuel fee, governmental fees, and taxes



TO BOOK or ASK QUESTIONS

Call Jetset Sisters Travel

Gay 713-823-0979 or Fay 281-507-0928



PAYMENT PLAN

\$50/person ASAP to secure your space. Check payable to CCRW (Nonrefundable)

Mail check: Clear Creek Republican Women, PO Box 2171, League City, TX. 77574

\$500 for cabin of 2 to name room (Refundable)

Final payment due by June 23, 2025 (Credit Card only)

***Cancellation travel insurance is available for purchase.**

***TRANSPORTATION TO GALVESTON IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**



25th Anniversary Celebration Cruise

Clear Creek Republican Women



REGISTRATION

Departing: September 21, 2025, Returning: September 27, 2025

Proof of citizenship is required to cruise. This must be a valid US passport or Legal Driver's license and Birth Certificate. If married, Marriage License. The names on this document must match exactly. **There will be a \$50.00 fee for any name changes.**

Traveler 1

Name _____

Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Traveler 2

Name _____

Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Check cabin category you would like to reserve: Interior Oceanview Balcony
**Cabin placement will be at the discretion of Royal Carribean.*

Check dining request: Early seating 5:30PM Late seating 8:15PM Anytime Dining
**Dining is on request only. Royal Carribean will try to meet all requests.*

INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE

MUST BE SIGNED

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY: Now that you have arranged your trip, we feel, as professional travel agents, that it is our responsibility to recommend travel insurance to protect your investment. Call us with any questions you may have. Both guests must purchase or decline. I understand that insurance can protect me from possible loss of money due to supplier bankruptcy/default, unexpected trip cancellation/interruption due to accident, sickness or death, baggage loss, medical expenses, or emergency air transportation costs. I understand that I must purchase the policy at the time of my booking in order to receive maximum coverage.

AT THIS TIME, I CHOOSE (CHECK ONE):

To purchase the recommended insurance due at time of deposit.

Signature required: Traveler 1 _____ Traveler 2 _____

To **DECLINE** the recommended insurance.

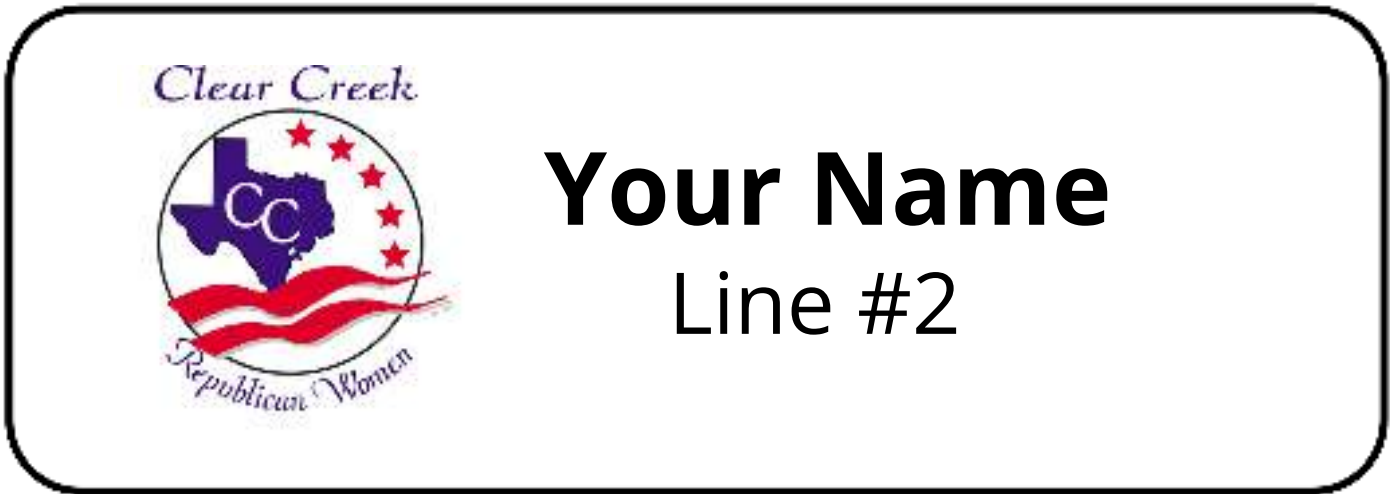
Signature required: Traveler 1 _____ Traveler 2 _____



Clear Creek
Republican Women

CCRW Name Badge Order

Cost: \$14 Badge size: 3in x 1.5in Background Color: White
Font Color: Black CCRW Logo: Colors shown



\$14 Cash preferred. Checks accepted and payable to:

Awards of Distintion

Form can be accepted in person or mailed to:

CCRW PAC, PO Box 2171, League City, TX 77574-2171



Name _____

Line #2 _____

For possible questions, please include:



Phone _____



Email _____

MEMBERSHIP 2025



To apply for membership please complete all questions.

First & Last Name:

Spouse's First & Last Name:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Full Mailing Address (street address, city, zip)

Occupation: (if retired, indicate "retired")

Employer: (if retired, put N/A)

Birthday (Month/ Day)

Precinct #:

Did you vote in recent Primary? If not, when

Membership Type

 Full Member (\$40)
Ladies Only Associate Member (\$25) Men Only or those
who are members of another club

Gender:

 Female Male

Member of another RW
Club? If Yes, which club:

Renewal:

 Member
since?

New
Member

 Who Referred
You?

How did you hear about CCRW? (ie: website, social media, newspaper (which one), friend (who?))

Interested in helping with: (check all that apply):

 Audits Caring for America Hospitality Parliamentarian Awards Directory Legislative Updates Publicity Bylaws Events Literacy Social Media Campaign Activities Fundraising Newsletter Website Outreach Other

Indicate any other interests and hobbies... or additional comments:

Make checks payable to CCRW PAC & mail to: PO BOX 2171, League City, Tx 77574-2171
Corporate payments are not Permitted. Dues/donations are NOT tax deductible

PAC Treasurer Use:

Date Pd:

Amt Pd:

Check #

Cash