

Clear Creek Republican Women 25th Anniversary 2000-2025

March 2025

TFRW REGION XVIII

SENATE DISTRICT 11



President's Message

Clear Creek Republican Women is a group of like-minded individuals whose primary purpose is to elect conservative Republicans to public office. We also have fun and learn about important issues.

On the State level, the Texas Legislature is in session; they meet in odd-numbered years for 140-days. Besides passing the biennial budget, School Choice is a major issue this cycle. You can read the Senate's version (SB2) and the House's version (HB3) at Texas Legislature Online.

Dawn King, CCRW Legislative Chair will keep us informed of key legislation.

I hope you sign up to take the CCRW bus to Austin March 21 for TFRW Legislative Day. Thanks to Cinnamon Scully, CCRW Events Chair for organizing and hosting the trip!

On the National Level, President Trump is moving at lightning speed to end federal overreach and excessive regulations. As Cabinet Appointments are approved, AG Pam Bondi and Sec. of Defense Pete Hegseth work to reverse injustices. Elon Musk, Director of DOGE (formerly Digital Services Agency) has uncovered trillions of dollars of fraudulent spending. RFK Jr, Sec. of HHS and Kash Patel, FBI Director are ready to work on our behalf! If you're like me, the more the liberals rant and rave, the more I rejoice! It brings to mind a quote from Pres. Ronald Reagan, "when you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat."

We hope to see you at our lunch meeting March 7 th at La Brisa in League City, to connect with fellow Conservatives hear from renown advisor on terrorism, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Addicott. We invite you to become a member of our dynamic club!

Clear Creek Republican Women President Barbara Meeks







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March Monthly Meeting

Friday, March 7, 2025

SPEAKER Lt Col Jeffrey F Addicott
US Army Ret on The Trump
Doctrine and Emerging National
Security Threats



Lt. Colonel (U.S. Army, Ret.) Jeffrey F. Addicott is a full Professor of Law and the Director of the Warrior Defense Project at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas (2000-current) (Learn more about WDP here).

An active-duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty years, Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as the senior legal advisor to the United States Army's Special Forces. As an internationally recognized authority on national security and terrorism law Professor Addicott not only lectures and participates in professional and academic organizations both in the United States and abroad (over 1,000 speeches), but he also testifies before Congress on a variety of legal issues.

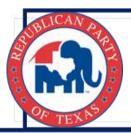
Dr. Addicott is a regular contributor to national and international news media outlets to include FOX News, MSNBC, OAN, CNN, BBC, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today, (over 5,000 interviews). Addicott is a prolific author, publishing over 100 books, articles, and monographs on a variety of legal and policy issues. His most recent book (2024) is entitled: Christian Doctrines.

Register today and join us!

March Monthly Meeting

Friday, March 7, 2025 11:30AM Social 12:00PM - 1:00PM Meeting La Brisa Mexican Grille 501 N Wesley Drive, League City

The Federal Report



By Congressman Randy Weber

The left is in full panic mode as protests erupt over the pause of USAID, Elon Musk's involvement, and the launch of the Departmen of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Why? Because their long-standing, criminal money laundering operation—at the expense of American taxpayers—has been exposed. The system of waste and fraud they've profited from is being dismantled, and they're desperate to stop it.

One of President Trump's key priorities is eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse within government agencies. Shocking examples of unchecked spending have surfaced at agencies like USAID, including \$47,000 for a "transgender opera" in Colombia, \$2.5 million for electric vehicles in Vietnam, and \$2 million for sex-change surgeries and LGBT activism in Guatemala. These reports highlight the broader issue of out-of-control government spending, which DOGE was created to address.

President Trump appointed Elon Musk to lead DOGE, tasking him with auditing and analyzing government programs to improve efficiency, reduce waste, and restore accountability. As a defender of the Constitution, I fully support this initiative to root out fraudulent spending that has caused our government to become bloated and ineffective.

On his first day in office, President Trump issued an executive order to legally integrate DOGE into the federal government, renaming the U.S. Digital Service as the U.S. DOGE Service (USDS). This move is fully authorized under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and USDS is focused on improving government productivity and ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. Each agency's DOGE team works closely with department heads to implement Trump's agenda. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has authorized DOGE's access to unclassified records to support this effort.

Unfortunately, some have spread false claims about DOGE and Elon Musk's role. As a "special government employee" (SGE), Musk has limited authority granted by the president to perform specific duties. This means Musk does not have unauthorized access to private information, contrary to the false media narrative. There is no evidence to suggest Musk or anyone involved in DOGE has improperly accessed sensitive data.

The media's attempt to mislead the American public has caused unnecessary fear and confusion. As your representative, I am committed to providing the truth and clarity about these important issues.

I'm also proud to serve as a member of the new DOGE Caucus in Congress. I fully support this initiative and President Trump's vision to create a more efficient federal government. The DOGE Caucus will work to introduce reforms that streamline operations, eliminate inefficiencies, and restore fiscal responsibility. The American people deserve a government that optimizes taxpayer dollars, upholds core values, and ensures Washington works for them, not special interests. We are here to Serve! Randy Weber Proudly Serving the 14th Congressional District

The State of the State



The Senate has been hard at work passing property tax relief and delivering on conservative priorities. Last week, I filed S.B. 11 to put prayer back in public schools, a priority of Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and President Trump.

PUTTING PRAYER BACK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our schools are not God free zones. We are a state and nation built on "In God We Trust." You have to ask: are our schools better or worse off since prayer was taken out in the 1960s? Litigious atheists are no longer going to get to decide for everyone else if students and educators exercise their religious liberties during school hours.

Thank you President Trump and Lt. Governor Patrick for making prayer in public schools a top priority. Senate Bill 11 allows a student, with parental consent, to opt into a period of prayer and reading of the Bible, or other religious texts. There is no such thing as "separation of church and state" in our Constitution, and recent Supreme Court decisions by President Trump's appointees reaffirmed this. The goal of this bill is to promote freedom of religion for teachers and students in the place where they spend most of their time—school.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IS ON THE WAY

Last week, I began my role as Vice Chair on the Committee on Local Government to discuss S.B. 4 and much needed property tax relief for all Texans, especially our senior population. Senator Bettencourt's bill provides the most constitutionally permanent and direct route to relief as it eliminates a portion of your school tax bill. One of the things I remember most about knocking on doors is people telling me that they would have to sell their family homes where their children, siblings, and parents grew up. We must pass property tax relief to make sure Texans aren't taxed out of their homes, and S.B. 4 ensures exactly that.

Homeowners aged 65 years or older would qualify for an additional \$10,000, for a total homestead exemption of \$150,000. Over 69% of homeowners would not pay school tax currently under the bill, and that number is nearly 80% for seniors. I voted to pass this legislation and take a stand against the out of control cost of owning a home in Texas.

God Bless Texas, Mayes Middleton

MEMBERSHIP

by Sandi McNeil



Membership

We're off to an amazing start this year! By the end of January, 66 members—both renewals and new sign-ups—had joined our ranks. Our momentum and dedication have been recognized by the Texas Federation of Republican Women, earning us the prestigious Club Silver Patron membership for 2025!

Congratulations to all the winning clubs:

Small Club: East Texas RW

Medium Club: Washington County RW

Large Club: Clear Creek RW

Jumbo Club: Central Texas RW

Bring a Guest and Win a Prize!

We're excited to announce that our first quarterly raffle drawing will take place on March 7th at the monthly luncheon. The lucky winner will have the choice of either one of two local restaurant gift cards or a Photobook celebrating President Donald J. Trump's time in the White House. All you have to do to earn an entry to the quarterly raffle is invite a friend, family member, or colleague to join us at the next meeting. It's a fun way to spread the word about our mission, support local businesses, and grow our community of passionate women dedicated to shaping our country's future.

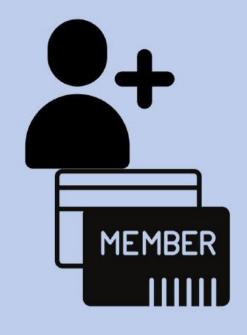
Membership Renewals: We've Hit the Ground Running!

Our goal for 2025 is ambitious—to double our membership! If you haven't renewed or signed up yet, now is the perfect time. The process is simple and can be completed online in just a few steps. We encourage everyone to finalize their renewals or new membership applications and pay their dues promptly to help us remain strong, united, and ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

Let's keep the energy high and welcome even more passionate members to our community!

Join the Membership Committee and Make a Difference! We are always looking for enthusiastic and dedicated members to join the Membership Committee. By becoming part of this vital group, you'll have the opportunity to meet new people, network at local events, and spread the word about our mission to promote Republican candidates. Whether you're helping at events, welcoming new members, or simply engaging in conversations with potential recruits, there is a place for you to contribute your time and talents. Together, we can ensure our club continues to thrive, and we can make a real impact on the future of our community, city, county, state and federal government!

Renew Now – Stay Involved – Make an Impact I look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon and celebrating our award from the Texas Federation of Republican Women!



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

How many times have we made this comment? Do you say yes to too many things? Is it hard to say no to many opportunities that come your way? Our days get overwhelming sometimes

God's promise in Psalm 142:3. When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way (NIV)

Blessings to all



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

<u>ClearCreekRW.org</u> 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

SAVE THE DATE 2025



TFRW Quarterly Board Meeting



TFRW Legislative Day



25th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE



7th Dorothy Valdez
8th Beth Nayes
13th Tim Cromie
13th Ange Mertens
23rd Linda Buckley
26th Jane Marzano
28th Ryan Dennardt





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:

March 20-22 - AT&T Austin (Legislative Day) July 18-19 - Embassy Suite Round Rock October 21-25 - San Antonio (Convention)

Click HERE to see the TFRW Newsletter.

25th Anniversary Celebration Cruise Clear Creek Republican Nomen

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 Momen

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.*

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CCRW Name Badge Order

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



Your Name Line #2

\$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

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CCRW PAC, Galveston County, Tx

MEMBERSHIP 2025



To apply for membership please complete all questions.

| First & Last Name: Cell Phone Number: | | Spouse's First & Last Name: | |
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| | | Email Address: | |
| Full Mailing Address (stre | et 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 Gender: Female Renewal: Member since? | Full Member (\$40) Ladies Only Member of and Club? If Yes, with New Member | | |
| How did you hear about (| CCRW? (ie: website, social medi | ia, newspaper (which one), frienc | I (who?) |
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