



Clear Creek Republican Women

August 2026

TFRW REGION XVIII

SENATE DISTRICT 11



President's Message

I am so excited that we'll be together again! It has been a busy summer - from the Texas Republican State Convention in Houston to celebrating America's 250th Anniversary. God truly has blessed America, and I'm grateful to be surrounded by women committed to preserving the freedoms we cherish.

This month, we're honored to welcome Representatives Dennis Paul, Dr. Greg Bonnen, and Terri Leo Wilson as they share highlights and outcomes from the 2026 Texas Republican State Convention. You won't want to miss this informative discussion.

Over the summer, I've had the opportunity to meet with several Republican Women's clubs throughout the Bay Area. One thing is clear: we're united in our commitment to electing strong conservative leaders this November. Now it's our turn to roll up our sleeves and get to work! Each of you will receive CCRW business cards to carry with you. When you meet someone who shares our values, invite her to join us. Every new member strengthens our club, our community, and our party.

I can't wait to see everyone on Friday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m. at La Brisa. It's been far too long since we've been together, and I've truly missed each of you. I'm looking forward to catching up, sharing some laughs, and kicking off an exciting season together.

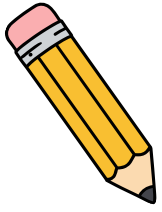
See you soon, and God Bless America!

Sandi McNeil, President CCRW





SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Caring for America: School Supply Drive

Help us make a difference in the lives of students in our community! As part of our Caring for America project, we are collecting new school supplies for children in need. We're looking for donations of backpacks, pencils, pens, erasers, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencil bags, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, highlighters, glue and other classroom essentials.

Every donation, big or small, helps equip a child for a successful school year. Our future citizens are counting on us - thank you for your generosity and support as we invest in the next generation!





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DONT MISS IT

2026 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Sandi McNeil

1st VP MEMBERSHIP

Paula Smith

2nd VP PROGRAMS

Sarah Lauer

TREASURER

Renee McLarty

PAC TREASURER

Melissa Dennard

RECORDING SECRETARY

Faye Dickson

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Pam Schwertner

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Barbara Meeks



Coffee with Sandi at Black
Rock Coffee Bar at 9:00
AM at 2492 S Gulf
Freeway Frontage Road in
League City



Friday, August 7, 2026
11:30AM Social 12:00PM - 1:00PM Meeting
La Brisa Mexican Grill
501 N Wesley Drive, League City

Please RSVP

ClearCreekRW.org/events

MONTHLY MINUTES
CCRW General Meeting
May 1, 2026
La Brisa Mexican Grill

COMMITTEE
CHAIRS

Awards

Roxann Lewis

ByLaws

Loretta Roberts

Campaign Activities

Susan Heintzleman

Caring for America

Lanette Lashway

Chaplain

Debra Niblack

Directory

Sandi/Susan

Historian

Barbara Spencer

Hospitality

Connie Buck

Legislative

Open

Parliamentarian

Kayla Allen

Publicity

Vicky Smith

Quarterly Review

Janis Lowe

Special Events

Brenda Cheney

Website

Kristen Wilson

Call to Order: President Sandi McNeil called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Invocation: County Commissioner Hank Dugie led us in prayer.

Pledges to US and Texas Flags: 212th Judicial District Court Judge Patricia Grady led us in the Pledges.

Introduction of Elected Officials: Sandi McNeil asked elected officials present to stand and introduce themselves.

Introduction of Candidates: Sandi McNeil asked candidates present to stand and introduce themselves.

Introduction of 1 st Time Guests and New Members: Sandi McNeil asked 1st time guests and new members to stand and introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Sandi McNeil asked for approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2026 General Meeting as presented in the Newsletter. Motion made by Roxann Lewis to approve and seconded by Jennifer Ott. Any corrections? If none, they will stand approved.

Officer Reports:

Membership: Paula Smith reported that there are currently 85 Full Members and 31 Associate Members.

Treasurer: Renee McLarty reported that the current bank balance \$30,439.48 will be filed with the minutes.

Old Business:

1. We must unite and support our nominees for the November election.
2. Election: Please contact Susan Heintzleman if you need block walkers or people to make phone calls. Also, please call her if you are willing to block walk or make phone calls.
3. Directory: The new directories should be available at the August meeting.

New Business:

Lanette Lashway announced the TFRW Feeding America program Map the Meal Gap. Map the Meal Gap shows food insecurity exists in every county and congressional district in the U.S., though the prevalence of food insecurity varies significantly across populations and places. The estimates from the study are at the individual level – reflecting the number of individuals who live in a food-insecure household. However,

MONTHLY MINUTES

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systems and policies play a critical role in preventing certain households and communities from being food secure.

Upcoming opportunities to participate are:

1. August 7, 2026 Bring backpacks and school supplies that will be going to Interfaith Caring Ministries.
2. October 2, 2026 Bring pet food, dog food, cat food and Vienna Sausages that will be going to the League City Animal Shelter, which is a no-kill shelter.
3. Nov 6, 2026 Bring canned food that will be going to Veterans.

Kristen Wilson's friend Claudia was introduced representing Republican Mothers of Galveston County.

Program:

Sarah Lauer introduced our Speaker, Sarah Lauer introduced our Speaker, Holly Hanson. She is a Senior Reporter for The Texan where she has written extensively on criminal justice, public corruption, politics, and property rights, and is one of the state's most recognized journalists covering Houston and Harris County. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in History, has called Texas home for three decades, and now lives in the Austin area.

Holly reviewed the 2026 Primary and what to look for in the Runoff and November Elections. She reported that Texas had 8.6 million registered voters for the 2026 Primary and a record turnout of 4.5 million. Unfortunately, In the U.S. Senate race, Democrats turned out 2.3 million votes to 2.2 million for Republicans. Democrats were more enthusiastic than Republicans. CD 9 is one of the redistricted districts but it seems to be a weak Republican district now. The Runoff election there will be between Briscoe Cain and Alex Mealer.

There are a lot of independents and Hispanics who do not agree with Administration immigration policies. One of the controversial issues affecting voters is the cities limiting police interaction with ICE. Police making traffic stops primarily must check for warrants and then contact ICE if that is applicable. There might be a delay before ICE picks up the individuals being held for them.

The race for Harris County Judge is between Annise Parker and Letitia Plummer for the Democrats while the Republican candidates are Warren Howell and Orlando Sanchez.

Announcements: Sandi McNeil announced upcoming events:

1. May 18 – 22, 2026 Early voting for Primary Runoff
2. May 26, 2026 Election Day for Primary Runoff
3. June 8 – 13, 2026 Texas Republican Convention at GRB in Houston
4. August 7, 2026 Next meeting
5. Be sure to add your volunteer hours online.
6. Reach out to Marilyn Watkins at 281-639-6540 to purchase the CCRW logo being placed on your shirt.
7. Happy Birthday 250 th!
8. Sandi McNeil asked any and all new members and guests that she did not meet before the meeting to please stick around to meet and get acquainted.

Raffle ticket door prizes were won by Janice Broussard and Faye Dickson. Rex Harbison won the American flag. There being no further business, this meeting is Adjourned!

Adjournment: Sandi McNeil adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Faye Dickson, Recording Secretary.



August Program Details

Inside the Capitol: A Legislative Recap & Looking Ahead

Join Representatives Dr. Greg Bonnen, Dennis Paul, and Terri Leo Wilson for an engaging discussion on the outcomes of the 2026 Texas Republican State Convention and what they mean for the future of our state. The panel will provide an insider's perspective on the priorities emerging from the convention, reflect on the successes and challenges of the 89th Legislative Session, and preview the key issues expected to shape the next legislative session. We will hear directly from our three experienced legislators and gain valuable insight into the policies and priorities that will impact Texas in the years ahead.

Bios:

State Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen

Dr. Greg Bonnen has represented Texas House District 24 since 2013 and currently serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. A practicing neurosurgeon and Chairman of the Board at Houston Physicians' Hospital, he combines medical expertise with legislative leadership on healthcare, education, and the state budget. Throughout his tenure, he has earned recognition for his work on fiscal responsibility, public policy, and conservative governance. Dr. Bonnen lives in Friendswood with his wife, Kim, and their family.





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State Representative Terri Leo Wilson

Representative Terri Leo Wilson represents Texas House District 23, serving Galveston County, Chambers County, and surrounding coastal communities. Before joining the Texas House, she served three terms on the State Board of Education and spent many years as a public school educator. Throughout her public service, she has focused on education, parental involvement, and strengthening Texas families. She brings decades of experience in both education and conservative leadership to the Texas Legislature.



State Representative Dennis Paul

Representative Dennis Paul has served House District 129 since 2015, representing communities throughout southeast Harris County. A structural engineer and small business owner, Dennis is a strong advocate for economic growth, infrastructure, property tax relief, and the aerospace industry. During his time in the Legislature, he has championed initiatives supporting Ellington Field Spaceport, coastal protection, and Texas' engineering and energy sectors. Dennis and his family are proud lifelong residents of the Bay Area and remain deeply involved in the community. Rep. Paul is now the Republican nominee to be our next State Senator in District 11.



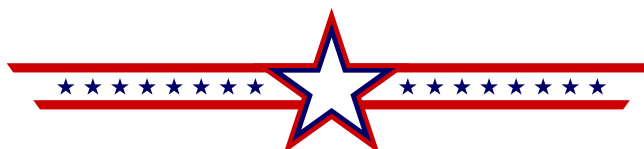
CCRW Invitation from Commissioner Hank Dugie



Commissioner Hank Dugie is gearing up for his 3rd Annual Home Runs with Hank Astros Game Fundraiser on September 4!

As a thank you for everything the Clear Creek Republican Women do to support our conservative candidates, Commissioner Dugie has reserved 10 tickets for CCRW members at a special discounted price of \$250 each.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you'd like to join us for a fun evening at the ballpark while supporting Commissioner Dugie, please email Sarah@sglconsultants.com to reserve your ticket.





Volunteer call for Dennis Paul for Texas Senate



Rep. Dennis Paul is excited to welcome Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick back as the special guest for this year's BBQ Fundraiser & Rally on September 15th!

If you attended last year, you know it was a packed house—and we're expecting an even bigger crowd this year. To make this year's event a success, we're looking for volunteers to help with decorations, hospitality, and the auction.

If you'd like to be part of the event committee, please email sarah@sglconsultants.com. As a thank you, volunteers will receive complimentary admission to the event, a Dennis Paul campaign T-shirt to wear during the event, and all volunteer hours will count toward your CCRW campaign activity requirements.

We'd love to have you on the team!



Campaign Activities Update

To all CCRW members and Associate members:
I hope everyone has had a fun and refreshing June and July.

The midterms are coming up fast, and we will be supporting our candidates. Please keep track of your volunteer hours and record them on the website. Every hour of your dedication to volunteering is appreciated and necessary to our candidates and elected officials.

We, CCRW, will be recognized by TFRW for your support.

Susan Heintzleman



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

MEMBERS

8 / 4	DEBORAH RUSSELL
8 / 6	MARILYN WATKIN
8 / 17	TERESA OTTEN
8 / 24	LANETTE LASHWAY
8 / 26	PAM SCHWERTNER

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

8 / 3	PAUL O'CONNELL
8 / 19	TINA KIRBIE
8 / 27	JOHN TUGWELL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



From the Desk of...

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DENNIS PAUL**



Working During the Interim to Keep Texas Moving

Although the Texas Legislature is not currently in regular session, our work on behalf of the people of Texas continues. Interim hearings give legislators an opportunity to examine complex policy issues, monitor laws passed during the previous session, hear directly from Texans, and begin developing solutions for the next legislative session.

In June, I participated in our first interim hearing of the House Committee on Insurance. The committee examined the rising cost of employer-sponsored health insurance, particularly for small and midsize businesses. We heard testimony about the factors driving premiums higher, the effect those costs have on employers and employees, and ways Texas can encourage greater competition, flexibility, and innovation in the health insurance market. We also reviewed how changes in federal health care policy may affect the affordability and availability of coverage in Texas.

I look forward to several additional Insurance Committee hearings over the next few months. Among the issues before us will be the cost and availability of homeowners and automobile insurance, consumer protections, the prompt payment of claims, and implementation of legislation passed last session. For families in the Clear Lake and Bay Area communities, where hurricanes, windstorms, and other coastal risks have a direct effect on insurance premiums, this work is especially important.

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In addition to my work on the House Insurance Committee, I recently attended the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Summer Meeting in Boston, where I met with state lawmakers, regulators, and industry experts from across the country to discuss the challenges driving insurance costs and explore policy solutions that have been successful in other states. These conversations provided valuable insight as Texas continues working to improve the affordability and availability of insurance for families and businesses.

Governor Greg Abbott recently added to this conversation by announcing a new proposal to reduce homeowners and automobile insurance costs. His plan would establish a \$400 million Texas roof fortification program, providing participating homeowners with up to \$10,000 to install roofs designed to better withstand wind and hail. According to the Governor's proposal, a fortified roof could reduce premiums by as much as 8 percent and produce nearly \$16,000 in potential savings over the life of the roof.

For automobile insurance, the Governor has proposed changing state law so that all insurers can more fully consider good driving habits when setting premiums, allowing safe drivers to be rewarded with lower rates. These proposals will require careful consideration by the Legislature, but I appreciate the Governor making insurance affordability a priority. Texans deserve a competitive and stable insurance market that protects consumers while keeping coverage available and affordable.

I am also looking forward to upcoming interim hearings of the full House Committee on Transportation. The committee will examine issues including the prioritization of Texas Department of Transportation projects, transportation safety, the needs of our Texas ports, and opportunities to improve communication surrounding major construction projects.

Additionally, the House Subcommittee on Transportation Funding will study whether our current revenue sources are sufficient to meet Texas' growing infrastructure needs. We will review how TxDOT distributes funding for planning and construction and consider ways to improve funding formulas, transparency, and accountability. With Texas continuing to grow rapidly, we must ensure that transportation dollars are spent responsibly and that critical projects receive appropriate attention.

This interim period is also the best time to begin formulating legislative ideas for the next regular session. Some of the most effective legislation begins with a suggestion from a constituent, local business owner, community organization, or public servant who has encountered a problem firsthand.

If you have an idea for legislation or know of an area in which state law can be improved, please reach out to my office. My staff and I welcome your input and look forward to continuing our work for the Bay Area community and the State of Texas.

VP of Membership



Find Your Fit: Your Guide to Jumping In!

You're officially a member! Our club is completely powered by the passion, energy, and dedication of members like you.

Whether you have one hour a month or one hour a day, there is a perfect place for you to make a difference. Think of this as your personal Volunteer Menu—simply pick the path that best fits your personality, schedule, and unique style!

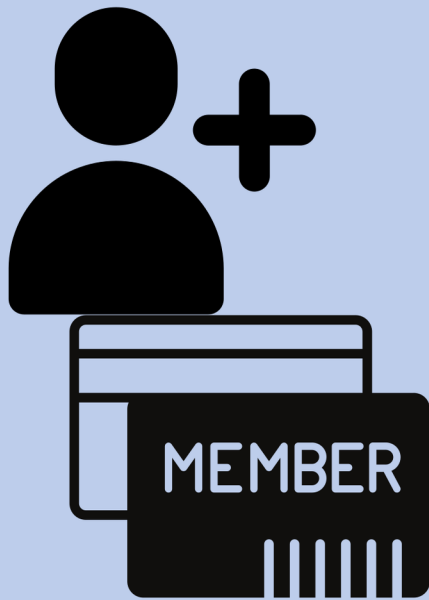
Choose Your Impact Path:

- The Heart (Hospitality)
 - The Vibe: Warm, welcoming, and community-focused.
 - The Mission: Be the reason a guest decides to become a member! Help greet friendly faces at the welcome desk, host a first-time guest at your table, or coordinate VIP care for our guest speakers.
- The Voice & The Vibe (Publicity & Social)
 - The Vibe: Creative, social, and connected.
 - The Mission: Turn our values into action and our members into lifelong friends. Snap candid photos at events, design eye-catching flyers, or run a fun "Social Media Takeover" to show the community what we are all about.
- The Front Line (Campaign Activities)
 - The Vibe: Energetic, action-oriented, and patriotic.
 - The Mission: Directly influence elections and keep Texas Red! Join the "Ground Crew" to walk blocks, jump on the "Digital Brigade" for online outreach, or help register new voters in our community.
- The Intelligence Agency (Legislative)
 - The Vibe: Analytical, informed, and strategic.
 - The Mission: Stay on the pulse of Austin and D.C. all year long. "Adopt" a local official to monitor their legislative updates, research key TFRW Priority Issues, or help draft an impactful letter to the editor.
- The Historian (Awards & Scrapbook)
 - The Vibe: Organized, detail-oriented, and proud.
 - The Mission: Document our success and ensure our hard work is celebrated. Help us collect event photos, track our collective Volunteer Hours, or assist in building our beautiful club achievement scrapbook.
- The Activation Lab (Special Events)
 - The Vibe: Creative, outgoing, and collaborative.
 - The Mission: Turn big ideas into high-impact community events. Scout exciting new local venues, lead a rewarding Caring for America service project, or help design "events-in-a-box" for our next social mixer.

Connect With Your Leadership Team

Have a brilliant idea or a quick question? We want to hear from you!

You can find the list of key contacts on our leadership team by visiting the [Clear Creek Republican Women Board Directory](#).



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.

[Join Membership Here](#)

From the Chaplain



DPsalm 61:2

From the ends of the earth, I call to you,
I call as my heart grows faint.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

David must have been far from home when he wrote this Psalm. Fortunately ,
God is not limited to any geographic location. God never abandons us; his all-
surpassing strength is always with us.

(Makes me think of the song, "On solid rock I stand, on other ground is sinking
sand")

God Bless you all

Debra Niblack, Chaplain



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

GHC General Meeting
Mendenhall Community Center
September 15th, 2026
9:30am
Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Road Houston, TX. 77055

Anyone is welcome to attend GHC meetings.



Texas Federation of Republican Women

Where the **RED** Begins!

Tribute to Women Luncheon 2026
Round Rock, TX 78665
11:00am Embassy Suites by Hilton Round Rock

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



National Federation of Republican Women

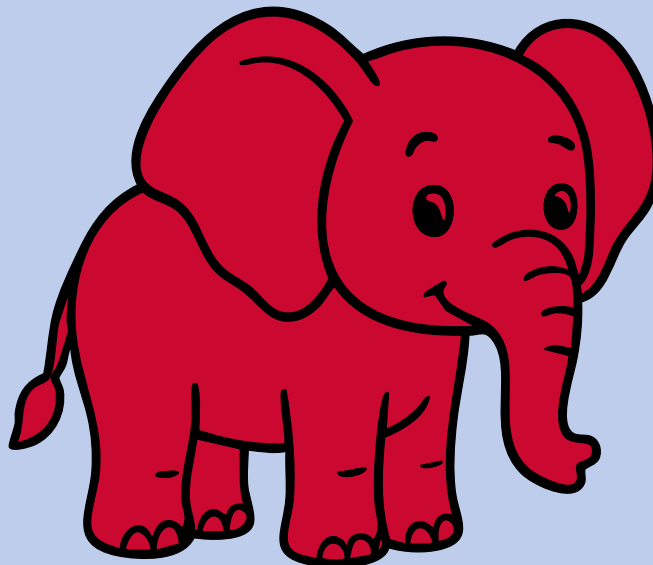
Building Leaders. Energizing Communities.
Keeping America Strong.

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONG AND WE CAN MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN

Upcoming Events

Fall Board of Directors Meeting	October 1, 2026 (Virtual Zoom Meeting)
Legislative Day on Capitol Hill	March 11, 2027 (Washington, DC)
Spring Board of Directors Meeting	March 12-13, 2027 (Alexandria, Virginia)
44th Biennial Convention	September 23-26, 2027 (Grapevine, Texas)

***<< We are that elephant in the room!
Let's keep Texas RED!>>***





*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

Clear Creek



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



Name _____

Line #2 _____

For possible questions, please include:



Phone _____



Email _____

MEMBERSHIP 2026



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 | ☐ Parliamentary |
| ☐ 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

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