

Clear Creek Republican Women



February 2011 Newsletter

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Look For The Stars

A new way of recognizing new members to our group has been initiated. Our super hospitality lady, Cindy Seidensticker is now placing gold stars on the name tags of members who have never been part of our group before. So if you are an old member who sees a "starred" member, please be certain to become acquainted and help them feel welcomed into our group. Conversely, if you are wearing a star, feel free to ask anyone without the star about the group. I'm sure they will be willing to help you out or direct you to a person who can.

In order to better spread the word about the fabulous Clear Creek Republican Women, the club has ordered networking cards which we hope will be ready to distribute by the February meeting. The front side will have our logo and meeting information and the backside will provide a space for the name and phone number of the member giving away the card. As you talk to friends about CCRW just hand them a card, invite them to a meeting and ask them to call you if they need a ride, have questions or need further directions. The cards will look great, are very professional and leave a good impression about what a great club we really have!

Membership, Evelyn Albrecht Garland

Dr. Robin Armstrong

Clear Creek RW is pleased to have as our February guest speaker, the former Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Texas (2006-2010) and our friend, Dr.



Robin Armstrong. Born in Texas City and raised next door in La Marque, Dr. Armstrong has a Bachelor's degree in Microbiology and a Medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine. It is most fitting that Dr. Armstrong will discuss the recent Health Care Reform Bill.

While a sophomore at Texas A & M, Dr. Armstrong became a born again Christian and a Republican that year because his strong pro-life beliefs would not allow him to abide the Democratic party's immoral position on abortion. He has travelled on missionary journeys to Africa and Nicaragua. Dr. Armstrong became involved in politics because he loves this country that has given him such opportunity.

Dr. Armstrong is married to Martha, also a medical doctor, and the Armstrong's are expecting their fourth son any day.

Please join us for this informative discussion at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, Friday Feb. 4th at 11:30am.

V.P. Programs, Tommye Randolph

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 3 Jason Murray** fund raiser, Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 402 West Main Street (FM518) 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. RSVP janemmurraylaw@yahoo.com
- 3 Congressman Pete Olson's** First Birthday Party ticket fee please contact judy@olsonforcongress.com for info
- 3 West Pearland Republican Women** 6:30 pm Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway, Pearland, For info. www.wprw.org
- 3 Chinese New Year** the year of the Rabbit
- 4 Clear Creek Republican Women** 11:30 am at Esteban's Fiesta Shack, 402 West Main Street (FM518) guest speaker is Dr. Robin Armstrong.
- 4 League City Historic Shoppes Merchant Association** – presenting Texas Victorian Weekend. www.leaguecityhistoricshoppes.com for more info
- 4 Clear Lake Tea Party**, Kemah Civic Center 6:30pm info@clearlaketeaparty
- 15 The 9-12 Association** Book Club Kick Off info@912memberusa.com
- 16 Alvin Republican Women Meeting** 12 noon to 1:00 pm, Judge Jozwiak's office 260 George St Alvin info Barbara Staigle 281-331-2740
- 16 Galveston Republican Women** 1 1:30am- 12:30 pm Fisherman Warf Pier 21, for info bgutierrez314@comcast.net
- 17 Galveston County Republican Party Annual Lincoln Dinner** 6:00 pm at the Doyle Convention Center in Texas City, info Galvestoncountygop.org ticket info and PayPal is there for your convenience. But Hurry tickets are going fast.
- 17 Republican Network** - no meeting this month since it is the Lincoln Dinner and we will all be there partying with Gov. Bobby Jindal from Louisiana. Join us.
- 18 Pearland Area Republican Women** 6:30 pm Church of Christ Annex 2217 N. Grand Blvd. Pearland. Speaker Jared Woodfill Harris County Chairman www.pearlandrw.com for more info
- 19 State Rep. Randy Webber** will hold several town hall meetings today for more info District29,weber@house.state.tx.us.
- 19 Mark Kilroy Foundation Annual Fundraiser for SAFE Program** 6:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Madonna Hall, 10114 Highway 6, Hitchcock, advanced tickets www.markkilroyfoundation.org or 409-925-3819 for info
- 22 Sandpipers Republican Women** 11:30 am. Galveston Country Club www.sandpiperrw.org for more info
- 23 Bay Area Republican Women** 11:00 am Bay Oaks Country Club 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. Houston, www.barw.org for more info

The President



Fellow
CCRW Members,

I would like to start by thanking everyone for the cards, prayers and kind words of condolence extended to me after the passing of my brother. It brought me great comfort during this difficult time and was appreciated far more than you know.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of a few exciting upcoming events. First on the agenda will be a **Nuts and Bolts Seminar** in Houston on February 15th. We will be carpooling for those interested and will meet at the Republican Headquarters. The cost for the event is \$25 which includes lunch

This would be very beneficial for club officers but all members are invited to attend.

Our annual Lincoln Day Dinner will be held two days later February 17th at the Doyle Center in Texas City. Tables are going *fast*. Please, make your reservations as soon as possible to hear the Honorable Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and receive a copy of his book, *Leadership In Crisis*. Those attending the VIP reception will have the opportunity to meet the governor and will receive a signed copy of his book.

Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day will follow on March 3rd in Austin at which we will be presented with the Joe Strauss Award of \$1250 for the most volunteer hours. This money will benefit our club in many ways. For those going, don't forget to wear red. Again, GREAT JOB!

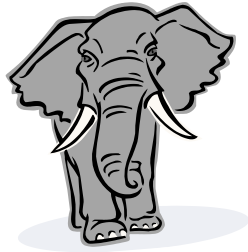
We are coming ever closer to our membership goal of 100 fully paid members! I encourage everyone to promote us to your friends, neighbors, colleagues, or anyone you think may be interested in becoming a part of this phenomenal Republican group!

President, Sarah Von Dran

Every Year Holds New Opportunities

No "Off Political Year"

When I first met my husband, David, we quickly discovered one thing we had in common was our political ideology. David had been President of the Young Republicans in college and had even run for state representative at the ripe old age of 23. He had worked on the Nixon campaign as state wide media buyer in 1972 and done other Republican Party activities. He's simply an "old campaigner". When I accepted the job as Vice-president of Membership for CCRW I told him I was really happy I was doing so in an "off political year" so I could learn the job now and be more prepared when things got busier and "more important". The Old Campaigner quickly turned to me and chastised me for my attitude. "This is NOT an 'off political year'," he emphatically informed me! He reminded me that this is an important year to keep the party energized and preparing for elections and making certain we are well-informed and ready for the 2012 elections.



Of course, he is so correct! Staying informed and learning how to work together and experience in the political process on the grass roots level is invaluable. In order to protect our rights, safeguard our freedoms and assure that our country moves forward in the best possible way, I can think of no better assistance than joining Clear Creek Republican Women. Our meetings provide us with the information we need through knowledgeable, exciting speakers and elected officials. The opportunity to meet and visit with many elected officials is wide and varied. Volunteer opportunities abound not just for assisting in the political process but also for providing aid and service to the community that represents giving from the heart, not just through tax dollars!

Of course, I was also wrong about this being an "off political year". Just ask State Representative Larry Taylor and State Senator Mike Jackson who spoke

to us last month. There is a lot of important work going on in Austin that will affect us for years to come. A great way to stay informed is through our monthly meetings. Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers! I am always amazed at the number of people who are really, really concerned about the political landscape these days. Everyone needs to be an informed voter. Help them by letting them know what a great group Clear Creek Republican Women really is!

Membership,
Evelyn Albrecht Garland

The State of CCRW Membership

We had several guests!
We hope they will return and join our ranks!

Thanks for visiting us:

Meredythe Torrence	Ellen Torrence
Lucy Lytwynsky	Josie Woodcock
Nisha Roady	Melissa Gore
Loretta Roberts	Lee Cox
J L Campbell	



"Welcome"
New and Returning Members

Norma Byous	Michelle Davis
Janell Wray	MelissaDennard
Diane Gillette	Patti Woita
Melissa Gore	Billie Li Stiak
Faye Roberson	Lucy Lytwynsky
Frances Nussbaum	Josie Woodcock
Ruby Hildebrand	

Membership Is Now:

53 Full Members

21 Associates

Any females who have primary membership in another club may also become an associate member of our club. Males may also join as associates only.

Any questions about membership, please contact me:

Evelyn Albrecht Garland, 713-824-4993 (phone or text messages) or dpgarland1949@msn.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting!

REMINDER!

Lincoln Day Fundraiser Dinner

Galveston County Republican Party is holding our annual Lincoln Dinner and Fund Raiser this year on February 17, 2011. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Governor of Louisiana Bobby Jindal. The event will be held at the Doyle Center in Texas City.

Please join us and help us raise money for the party.

Treasurers Report

Lesley Bruemmer
Treasurer

BALANCE

\$2121.70.00



February Birthdays!

- 2-1 Leslie Herald
- 2-5 Patti Woita
- 2-20 Denise Beard
- 2-20 Constable Joe Guisti
- 2-21 Gwendalyn Newman
- 2-23 Diane Voll
- 2-26 Joe Spence
- 2-29 Melissa Dennard

CCRW 2011 OFFICERS

President	Sarah Von Dran	281-482-2990
1 st VP Membership	Evelyn Garland	713-824-4993
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Recording Secretary	Penny Ignazio	281-334-4418
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Treasurer	Lesley Bruemmer	832-632-2880
Publicity	Betty Suagee	
Outreach	Bonnie Wilson	281-332-8039
Chaplin	Norma Byous	281-332-4681
Legislation & Historian	Frances Nussbaum	281-990-0099

**CLEAR CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2010**

Attending: Lesley Bruemmer, Norma Byous, Evelyn Garland, Penny Ignazio, Tanya Kloesel, Kathie Nenninger, Frances Nussbaum, Tommye Randolph, Natalie Roth, Cindy Seidensticker, Sarah Von Dran.

Quorum: yes

Norma Byous led us in prayer, and the pledges.

Minutes: Minutes of the December executive board was passed, with no corrections.

Membership V.P. Evelyn Garland stated that we have a total of 44 full members and 17 associated members paid for the year to date.

Program V.P. Tommye Randolph and Kathie Nenninger
Schedule guest speakers are: February Dr. Robin Armstrong,
March Cheryl Johnson
April the local candidates running

Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Roth we will continue to give the framed pictures to our guest speakers. Natalie will have to purchase more frames.

Treasurer: Lesley Bruemmer December balance in the checking account is \$1970. We are waiting for the Joe Straus award of \$1500, and the deposit for Tad Akers to be returned.

Campaign Activities: Tanya Kloesel did not give the report, she was waiting for Rebecca Allcorn to finish with the December totals.

Community Outreach: Bonnie Wilson was able to attend, her husband was in the hospital. Hope he is doing well.

Hospitality Chairman: Cindy Seidensticker made all new name tags. We will be taking a collection at the general for a Kindle for our donation to the Galveston County Republican Party's annual Lincoln Dinner.

Legislation: Sarah Von Dran chose Jeannie Kranz for federal legislation and Kathie Nenninger for state legislation. It is to big a job for one person to keep us. Both ladies are well informed and will keep us up to date on issues.

Website: Karen Abshire sends out the newsletter each month. She had some minor issues getting out January's newsletter. But she has taken care of the problems and everyone should be receiving the newsletter. If not you can contact her at Karen@aduvo.com . She also suggests that we look at the website which is under construction.
WWW.ClearCreekRW.org.

New Business:

Sarah wants everyone to write a report to put in the newsletter explaining what your committee does and to ask for volunteers. This way when people sign up they will know what each committee does.

Each month we will spotlight a committee.
March 3, 2011 Texas Federation of Republican Women will hold Legislation Day in Austin. It is a great event and everyone should attend. Reservations must be in by January 31, 2011.

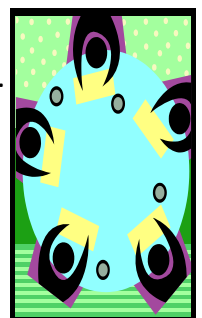
Announcements:

February 3, 2011 Jason Murray will have a fund raiser at Esteban's.

February 15, 2011 Greater Houston Council training Session \$25.00

February 17, 2011 Galveston County Republican Party annual Lincoln Dinner at the Doyle Center in Texas City. Information and tickets can be obtained on their website Galvestoncountygop.org.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 1:00p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Penny Ignazio
CCRWSecretary



**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC
Galveston County, Texas
2011 Membership Application**

Please **print** legibly. Please complete all the requested information.

All information is needed for CCRW to contact members and make reports to TFRW.

Full Member \$25.00 New Renewal

Associate Member \$15.00

Associate members are women who have primary membership in another Republican club or any men.

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ Precinct # _____

City _____ Zip +4 _____

Phone Numbers (H) _____ (C) _____

(W) _____ Circle which phone is best to call H C W

Email Address: _____

Occupation _____ Birthday (Month/day) _____

Are you a member of another Republican Club? Yes No

If yes, which club? _____

How did you learn about CCRW? _____

Prior political activities _____

Areas of interest _____

I would like to help on the following committees:

Audit Awards By-Laws CCRW Directory

Campaigns Historian Hospitality ICM Tree

Legislation Newsletter Publicity Telephone

Ways and Means Web Community Outreach

Please complete and mail to Lesley Bruemmer, CCRW Pac Treasurer, 2301 Meadows, League City, Texas 77573 or bring to a CCRW Meeting at 11:30 am on the first Friday of the month August through May. Meetings are held at the Esteban's Fiesta Shack, in back of Esteban's, 402 West Main, League City, Texas.

Date Paid _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ **F A**