

# Clear Creek Republican Women



"...the new stars on the horizon."

## December 2010 Newsletter

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### Calendar

*Merry*  *Christmas*

#### December

Republican Network does not meet in December.

#### December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bay Area RW Annual Eggnog Party 11:00 -1:30 p.m.  
at home of Rae Sinor.

#### December 2<sup>nd</sup>., 9<sup>th</sup>., 16<sup>th</sup>.

Galveston Island Pachyderms meet at Olympia Grill Pier 21 on Galveston Island every Thursday, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

#### December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

CCRW Christmas Luncheon 11:30, Tad Akers, 218 Galveston Ave., League City, TX.

**Reservations required.**

#### December 10th.

Friendswood Christmas Social 6:30p.m. at the home of Janis Lowe.

#### December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Galveston Republican Women Christmas Luncheon at TBA, 11:30a.m.

#### December 23rd.

Sandpipers Republican Women of Galveston meets fourth Tuesday at Galveston Country Club 14228 Stewart Rd, Galveston.

### December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2010 Annual Christmas Luncheon

Clear Creek Republican Women's Club has made special arrangements for the

December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The Annual Christmas Social and Luncheon, including the Installation of Officers, will take place at Tad Akers in League City, from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.



**Photo of CCRW 2010 swearing in of Officers Barbara Meeks, Sarah Von Dran, Shirley Hendrickson, Penny Ignazio, Benny Cheney, Fran Gordon and Justice Eva Guzman. 12/09**



## *From the President*

It seems like just yesterday that I was sworn in as President of Clear Creek RW, when in fact two years have flown past. My how time flies when you are having fun!

It has been fun, and a real honor for me to serve as your President and to lead this fabulous group of Republicans! With a brilliant board and marvelous members, we have accomplished a great deal over these past two years.

As I reflect back, the most notable achievement is membership growth! Sarah Von Dran has served you well as Membership VP. She has also been responsible for the varied Community service projects. We have helped elementary students in La Marque, teens at Devereux and seniors at Baywind. Lighthouse and Interfaith Caring Ministries also benefited from your generosity.

Programs VP Shirley Hendrickson recruited some terrific programs! Take a minute to reflect back on your favorite: was it Peggy Venable? Senator Dan Patrick? Candidates for City Council?

CCRW Secretaries did an outstanding job for you! Penny Ignazio kept accurate minutes for our club's permanent records and Benny Cheney kept in touch with members who had been under the weather, celebrated birthdays, or just needed some encouragement.

We have also been blessed with two terrific Treasurers these past two years! Roxann Lewis did a great job in 2009 and Lesley Bruemmer is doing an outstanding job this year! Talk about outstanding – all of the CCRW Committee Chairs have gone above and beyond the call of duty!

But without a doubt, seeing Republicans sweep the 2010 election will be the most memorable. Your time, effort and leadership helped turn Galveston County red!

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your President. I hope you have made plans to attend our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting when we will enjoy a lovely Christmas luncheon, recognize outgoing

officers and celebrate the installation of Officers for 2011.

*Barbara Meeks*  
*President*

## *From the VP of Programs*

Hi, Ladies! Please, allow me to be the first to wish each and every one of you a Blessed Christmas, remembering that the reason for this season is our wonderful Savior's Birthday. So, Happy Birthday, Jesus! And a very Merry CHRISTmas to us all!

This special time of year marks both beginnings and endings for all of us. For CCRW, our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting marks the end of the current term of our outgoing Officers and the beginning of a new term for incoming Club Officials. I trust that the incoming group will enjoy the love and support that we, who will be stepping aside, have enjoyed from the CCRW membership. The new officers will be installed by Dr. Robin Armstrong, who is the former Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Texas ... and one that we claim as our own. Robin has been very special to CCRW, and it is a great honor for us to welcome him to officiate over our Installation of Officers. On the heels of a tremendous victory for Galveston County in the recent election, Robin may have some interesting things to tell us. I hope that you can make this special meeting and join us in this great celebration!

On a more personal note, I must say "good-bye" to all of my friends in Houston, as my husband retires at the end of December, and we are moving to Tyler, TX. My cell phone is still the same, and I would love to hear from any and all of you ... or better yet, to have you come see me, if you are ever in NE Texas.

CCRW is my first and only Republican Women's Club, and I will hold each and every one of you in my heart, as we go off to tackle the next "Season" of our lives. May the Lord bless you and keep you all.

May He make His eyes to shine upon you and give you peace. May He, who is faithful and just to forgive us all of our sins, hold you in the palm of His hand until we meet again.

Blessings!!

*Shirley Hendrickson, VP Programs*

## Community Outreach

The food that was collected at the November meeting was taken to the Light House Ministry to be distributed to those in need. For December we are asking for everyone to bring an unwrapped toy for age group 0-18. Gift cards are always a great gift for a teen ager. Thank you everyone for your participation in The food which was collected at our November meeting was taken to the the Light House Ministry to be distributed the outreach activities this year.



Another reminder that we will be decorating a Christmas Tree for the Interfaith Ministry, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. If you have any patriotic ornaments please bring them to the meeting..

You are appreciated.

*Sarah Von Dran, Community Outreach*

## Membership Memo

The Membership dues for the new year are now due. Full membership is 25 dollars and associate membership is 15 dollars. Gentlemen you are able to become Associate Members. For those that belong to another Republican Woman's Club you are eligible for Associate Membership. Let's watch our membership grow and set a goal of 100 full members. . Applications will be available at our December 3rd meeting.

*Sarah Von Dran 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Membership*

## December Birthdays



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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> .  | <i>Marian Meeks</i>        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> .  | <i>Shirley Hendrickson</i> |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> . | <i>Bertha Adams</i>        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> . | <i>Wade Webster</i>        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> . | <i>Joseph Ignazio</i>      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> . | <i>Nisha Roady</i>         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> . | <i>Lonnie Cox</i>          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> . | <i>Kevin O'Brien</i>       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> . | <i>Kris Ann Vogelpohl</i>  |

## *Clear Creek Republican Women*

### *November 5 2010 Minutes*

**President Barbara Meeks** called the Clear Creek Republican Women's meeting to order at 12 noon on November 5, 2010 at Esteban's Fiesta Shack in League City. Barbara Meeks led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Fisher and the Texas Pledge led by Kathleen McCumber.

Barbara Meeks introduced the 9 elected officials and the 7 guest attending the meeting.

Barbara Meeks introduced our guest speaker Lilian Norman Keeney in the absence of our V.P. of Programs Shirley Hendrickson, whose husband had surgery.

### **The business meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.**

The minutes of September 3, 2010 meeting that were published in the November Newsletter was approved with no corrections or changes.

**Lesley Bruemmer** gave the Treasurer's Report. There were no corrections and the report will stand for internal review.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

V. P. Membership: Sarah Von Dran

V. P. Programs Shirley Hendrickson, Barbara Meeks in the absence of Shirley, announced that the December meeting will be our Christmas Party.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Reports were given by:

**Campaign Activities:** Rebecca Allcorn

**Community Outreach:** Sarah Von Dran

**NEW BUSINESS**

Constable Pam Matranga presented our club with a gift. A Girls Rule Cone

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday November 10, 2010** Kathleen McCumber and Jerry Fisher announced their fund raiser at Estebans'

**November 10, 2010** Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps

**November 11, 2010** League City Council announced the Veteran's Day Cermony at the Sportsplex.

**November 11, 2010** Galveston County Republican Party announced their Victory Party to thank all the volunteers who helped during the elections.

**November 18, 2010** there will be no Republican Network meeting.

**December 3, 2010** Natalie Roth announced that CCRW will hold their annual Christmas Social at Tad Akers @ 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The luncheon will be Chicken pot pie, salad and desert for \$22.00.

**January 1, 2011** at 8:00 am in the County Court house, Justice Center will be the swearing in of all the newly elected officials.

**March 3, 2011** Legislation Day in Austin, it is Texas Independence Day 175 years old.

**Our newly elected officials** Mark Henry, Jason Murray, Ken Clark and Larry Taylor thanked everyone who helped get them elected.

**Barbara Meeks** thanked Esteban for providing lunch and the room for our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

*Penny Ignazio,*

*Recording Secretary*

**CCRW 2010 Officers**

President	Barbara Meeks	281-236-3566
1st VP Membership	Sarah Von Dran	281-482-2990
2nd VP Programs	Shirley Hendrickson	832-221-0419
Recording Secretary	Penny Ignazio	281-334-4418
Corresponding Secretary	Benny Cheney	713-367-5951
Treasurer	Lesley Bruemmer	832-632-2880

**CCRW 2011 Officers**

President	Sarah Von Dran	281-482-2990
1st VP Membership	Evelyn Garland	713-824-4993
2nd VP Programs	Tommye Randolph	
Recording Secretary	Penny Ignazio	281-334-4418
Corresponding Secretary	Natalie Roth	281-538-2417
Treasurer	Lesley Bruemmer	832-632-2880

*Campaign Activities*



CCRW members and friends stepped up to the plate in the final weeks leading up to November elections. Many hours were spent in the effort to promote our Republican candidates. As of November 2, our members have reported **16,458** volunteer hours! With the historic victory is there any doubt of the strength and influence Republican Women have in our county? Thank you, Roxann and Penny for organizing and posting the many campaign events each month. Thank you, newly Elected Officials for reporting your campaign hours to CCRW. With your hours our club has a strong chance of earning a reward in the "Party Building Incentive Program" offered by Texas Speaker of the House, Joe Straus. The top three clubs will be announced on Legislative Day, March 3, 2011. Stay tuned.

Rebecca Allcorn

Campaign Activities





*Treasurers Report*\_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Balance                      \$ 1518.98

*Lesley Bruemmer*  
*Treasurer*

*News Editor Corner*\_\_\_\_\_

**CCRW December 3rd Christmas Luncheon**



*You are cordially invited to attend*  
*Clear Creek Republican Women*  
*Christmas Luncheon and Officer Installation*  
*Friday December 3, 2010*  
*Tad Akers event facility, 218 Galveston Avenue*  
*Doors open at 11:30am*  
**\$22 per person prepayment is required**  
**Please RSVP to 281-334-4418 or 281-236-3566**

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*History of the League City, Texas Post Office*

Tad Akers event facility occupies a building that served as League City's Postoffice for many years. Thanks to CCRW member Diane Kerkhove for providing this glimpse back in time!

The first post office was in a box car near the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad since the mail arrived by train. Early pictures show a frame building in that location where it was part of a dry goods store, market and a shoe shop were near to it.

Mr. Butler was the first postmaster and Mr. Boone was his assistant.

Clear Creek - League City -- the name changed back and forth many times, depending on what political party was in power. Mr. Butler's people were Republicans who named the town Clear Creek. Mr. League's people were Democrats so wanted the name to be League City.

The cowboys and other active people fought over the name, which caused bitter feelings for many years. Information from the Office of Post Office Historical Affairs in Washington DC indicated that the building was moved back and forth across the creek when a name change was made. Some local people think the building was moved back and forth across the railroad track.

The first post office was registered as Clear Creek Post Office on February 19, 1874.

The name changed as follows:  
Clear Creek Post Office, February 19, 1874 - discontinued  
September 14, 1874 - re-established  
December 19, 1875 -- discontinued  
November 1, 1876 -- reestablished  
February 25, 1800 - League City Post Office  
April 8, 1896 - Clear Creek Post Office  
July 2, 1879 - League City Post Office  
June 13, 1902 - to date

There was a news story about a mail sack being cut in 1913 and Postmaster J. M. Alford had to call postal inspectors to investigate, but no conclusion was reported.

There is a plaque in the current Postmaster's office that lists the names and dates of each of the Postmasters for League City. There is also a plaque with dates of changes of establishment and discontinuance of the post office. A picture of the early post office is located there, and another one is in the League City Library's local history room.

One lady remembers the post office being across from tile Masonic Lodge. For many years a masonry building was located near the original post office site at 218 Clear Creek Ave. This was used before the present building was dedicated in 1988.

*Submitted by Barbara Meeks*

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

(C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday month/day \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Member \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member \$10.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member of another Club?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**If yes, name of Club** \_\_\_\_\_

*Date Paid* \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash/Check* \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with the following committees:

\_\_\_ Audit \_\_\_ Awards \_\_\_ By-Laws \_\_\_ Campaigns

\_\_\_ CCRW Directory \_\_\_ Community Outreach \_\_\_ Historian

\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_ ICM Tree \_\_\_ Legislation \_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_ Ways & Means \_\_\_ Web

Areas of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about CCRW?

\_\_\_\_\_

Prior political affiliations \_\_\_\_\_