CCRW 2020 Newsletter

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President's Message

What a great kick-off meeting we had last month! If you were not pumped up as a Republican leaving that meeting, I don't know what else could.

If you missed January, we had a packed house for lunch and several new guests attended. They even joined our mission and cause at the end of the meeting. Several members signed up to help work the upcoming Primary too.

Mr. Cruz was spot on in his message too. Even though it can be tough to hear, it is not anything we haven't heard before. I don't know about you, but I am energized for this important election year.

We have a great meeting this month that our team has been preparing for and I hope to have another "seat filler" meeting. Take this meeting opportunity to also meet primary candidates and elected officials, so you can help educate yourself for the upcoming Primary too. I look forward to seeing everyone next Friday February 7th.

Kari Long, CCRW President



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February Guest Speaker

David Balat is currently the Director of the Right on Healthcare initiative with Texas Public Policy Foundation. He has a broad base of experience throughout the healthcare spectrum with special expertise in healthcare finance.

David uses his unique perspective to counsel members of U.S. Congress and the State of Texas House of Representatives as their healthcare advisor.

David is focused on education and advocacy in an effort to simplify coverage that is too expensive, complicated, and untrustworthy. He often volunteers of his time to help families navigate their bills and how to understand their benefits.

David serves as the Chairman of the Board for Helping a Hero, a charity dedicated to building specially adapted housing for disabled veterans. His other activities in the community include mission work for his church and volunteering for several other groups dedicated to serving veterans.

David Balat received his B.S. from the University of Houston and a joint MBA/MHA from the University of Houston – Clear Lake. He has been married since 1996 to his wife Lauren and they have two adult children.

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2020 CALENDAR



- February 3 Last day to register to vote in March Primary
- February 7 CCRW Monthly Meeting 11:30a 1:00p LaBrisa Mexican, League City with David Balat, Texas Public Policy Council.
- February 11 "Nuts and Bolts Leadership Training" 9 am-2 pm, Greater Houston Council, 1414 Wirt Rd. Houston, 77055
- February 14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
- February 18 Early Voting for March Primary (Feb 28 last day of early voting)
- February 20 CCRW Board Meeting, Judge Mark Henry's office
- March 3 Primary Election Day
- March 6 CCRW Monthly Meeting 11:30a 1:00p LaBrisa Mexican, League City, with Hon. Glen Hegar, Texas Comptroller.
- March 19 CCRW Board Meeting, location TBA
- March 21 Senate District Conventions

MEETING CALENDAR FOR AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN CLUBS

Bay Area Republican Women — 4th Tuesday of the month 8am at Bay Oaks Country Club, Clear Lake https://barw.org/meetings/

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women — 3rd Monday of the month 6:30p Friendswood Chamber of Commerce

Galveston Republican Women – 3rd Wednesday of the month 11am – Tremont House, Galveston http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com/

Tri County Republican Women — 1st Thursday 11am of the month — Golfcrest Country Club, Pearland https://tcrwtx.org/events/

San Jacinto Republican Women — 3rd Monday of the month — Peppers Restaurant, Pasadena http://sanjacintorepublicanwomen.com/index.php/about-us/

West Pearland Republican Women — 1st Thursday of the month 6pm — Spring Creek BBQ, Pearland http://wprw.org/







CCRW Monthly Meeting Free ice cream at

La Brisa on the Creek

501 N. Wesley Dr., League City, Tx. Yourself as you

281-554-4000

Reservations are required please. If you are making reservations for someone else please provide their name(s) for our reservations list.

Contact Fay Picard 281-507-0928 or

You may RSVP & register by clicking on this link http://www.clearcreekrw.org/event/

Please reserve and select choice #1, #2, or #3 by 12:00 pm noon Wednesday before meeting. We are only able to order from this menu. If you have a food allergy, please contact call Fay (281-507-0928). Please note: cancellations are accepted up to 9:30 pm on the Tuesday before our meetings on Friday otherwise an invoice will be mailed for the full amount. Thank you for your understanding in this very important matter. We also want to thank all of you who continue to make reservations in a timely manner.

Menu

- 1. Chicken fajitas with Rice and Beans \$15
- 2. Two beef enchiladas with Rice and Beans \$15
- 3. Entry into meeting: \$5.00 which includes your choice of soft drink, tea, chips, red and green salsa.



February Birthdays

Melissa Dennard 28 Dean Listiak 17 Joe Spence 26



Volunteer Hours Reporting

Kathie Nenninger Campaign Activities Chairperson

Counting your Campaign Hours! Don't forget...

- It is Campaign season...Members and Associates, please be sure to add up your hours block walking, hosting events in your home, helping to host an event, attending meetings for a candidate, attending a candidate forum, putting out campaign signs or delivering literature to your neighborhood.
- If you are a candidate and a full member of CCRW please submit your hours. I know that you have amassed a great number. If you are a candidate and an associate member of several clubs, you can choose one club to submit your hours. Make it CCRW! Remember, we have always been a working club.
- Consider entering your Volunteer hours on our webpage on the last day of the month before you flip the page to the next month. (click on Membership, in the dropdown box, click on Campaign Volunteer Hours, fill out the form and click submit) You will always be up to date reporting.

Very Important.. If you attended the TFRW Convention in October please include transportation to and from along with your time spent at the three day plus convention. We had many from CCRW who took on major committee roles. I know that you worked many, many hours!

- 1. Go to http://www.clearcreekrw.org/
- 2. On the top menu bar, click **Membership**
- 3. On the dropdown menu, click on *campaign volunteer hours*
- 4. Scroll down to "Hey! Don't forget your hours"
- 5. Enter name, e-mail, and hours in spaces designated.
- 6. click on submit.

Don't forget!

Remember that the time spent traveling to the monthly meeting counts, the meeting itself does not count.

Publicity and Social Media

Get more information by ctrl + click below to join us at our **Facebook** page.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ ClearCreekRepublicanWomenClub/

If not, please feel free to request to be added to our group page. Please note that we only allow posts that are of the non-opinion nature and don't demean others. Further, this isn't a business networking group so please don't push out posts that are for your specific business unless it is of the candidate nature. We are happy to help promote, by posting on our FB page, your Republican local events.

Please share our Facebook page and events with your friends by sharing it to your personal profile and invite your friends to our monthly CCRW meetings.



Chaplain's Message by Mary O. Blackwell

In August 1984, Ronald Reagan spoke to an ecumenical prayer breakfast in Dallas, Texas, this is an excerpt:

"We establish no religion in this country, nor will we ever. We command no worship. We mandate no belief. But we poison our society when we remove its theological underpinnings. We court corruption when we leave it bereft of belief. All are free to believe or not believe; all are free to practice a faith or not. But those who believe must be free to speak of and act on their belief, to apply moral teaching to public questions.

I submit to you that the tolerant society is open to and encouraging of all religions. And this does not weaken us; it strengthens us...

Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, we're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is no coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're One Nation Under God, Then we will be a nation gone under."

To read the entire remarks by Ronald Reagan go to link:

https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/ ronaldreaganecumenicalprayer.htm

Clear Creek Republican Women General Meeting January 10, 2020 La Brisa – League City

The meeting was called to order by Kari Long, President at 12:01 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Mary Blackwell.

Pledges to the US and Texas flags were led by Kari Long.

Kari Long announced that the club still needs some Chair positions filled.

Brittany King - VP Membership was not present for a report.

Kari Long asked if there were any corrections to the minutes published in the Newsletter and there being none, the Minutes of the General Meeting of December 6, 2019 were recorded as published.

Kari Long recognized the elected officials and candidates present.

Treasurer's Report will be made at February's meeting.

Kathy Rogers announced that volunteers were still needed to work the 2020 Primary Elections and if anyone could, please volunteer.

Barbara Meeks introduced the speaker, Dr. Rafael Cruz, the father of our Senator Ted Cruz. Dr. Cruz gave an outstanding talk on getting out and getting involved with keeping Texas RED and helping to get President Trump re-elected. Dr. Cruz delivered a very passionate and patriotic message to a packed house. Dr. Cruz took questions after his speech concluded.

Announcements:

Justin West announced there would be a benefit for the family of Sgt. Kaila Sullivan on January 18th at Clear Lake Park.

Dave Johnson announced that the Republican Network would meet Thursday, January 16th at La Brisa, League City.

Gerri Donovan announced there would be a Candidate Forum on January 20th.

Barbara Meeks announced that David Balat, Director of Texas Public Policy Foundation will be our speaker for February and Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller will be the speaker for March.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Kennedy, Recording Secretary.

Our speaker for January was the father of our Texas senator Ted Cruz, Rafael Cruz Sr.

Quotations from Rafael Cruz include:

"America is the only country in the world founded as a Christian nation"

"When the pilgrims landed in Plymouth Massachusetts before they got off the boat they penned a document. It was called the Mayflower Compact."

In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.:



Having undertaken, for

the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and the honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another; covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic; for our better ordering, and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.



ON THE BALLOT Propositions on the March 3rd Primary Ballot

- ⇒ The following propositions on the primary election ballot in March are issues that Texas Republicans are concerned about going into the next legislative session. These issues may be important to you as well.
- \Rightarrow By voting Yes or No, you can help send a message to your legislators in the <u>2021 Legislative Session</u>.
- ⇒ These are merely legislative priorities. They are not laws.
- 1. Texas should not restrict or prohibit prayer in public schools.
- **2.** Texas should reject restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms.
- 3. Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer.
- **4**. Texas should support the construction of a physical barrier and use existing defense-grade surveillance equipment along the entire southern border of Texas.
- 5. Texas parents or legal guardians of public-school children under the age of 18 should be the sole decision makers for all their children's healthcare decisions including, but not limited to, psychological assessment and treatment, contraception, and sex education.
- **6**. Texas should ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and genital mutilation surgery on all minor children for transition purposes, given that Texas children as young as three (3) are being transitioned from their biological sex to the opposite sex.
- 7. Texans should protect and preserve all historical monuments, artifacts, and buildings, such as the Alamo Cenotaph and our be loved Alamo, and should oppose any reimagining of the Alamo site.
- 8. Texas election officials should heed the directives of the Office of the Governor to purge illegal voters from the voter rolls and verify that each new registered voter is a U.S. Citizen.
- 9. Bail in Texas should be based only on a person's danger to society and risk of flight, not that person's ability to pay.
- 10. Texas should limit our state legislators' terms to 12 years.
- ⇒ The year and a half in between legislative sessions is called the "interim" period. During the interim period, the House and Senate committees hold hearings to study specific issues, or "charges" that are assigned to them by the Speaker and Lt. Governor.
- ⇒ This year's interim charges include important items such as health care reform, reducing the tax burden, school choice, Second Amendment rights, and religious freedoms. Many of the charges relate to planks or priorities from the RPT platform from the 2018 State convention.
- ⇒ Although bills cannot be passed since we're not within an actual legislative session, these interim hearings are the Legislature's way of reaching out to you for your opinion on important issues. By studying these issues now, our Senators and Representatives can be prepared to pass bills in 2021 that address the specifics you'll bring to their attention.

Membership Chair

2020 Membership Applications are available at each meeting or save time and paper and fill one out on our website; www.clearcreekrw.org. We need a form filled out by every Member and Associate Member, even if your information remains the same. The club must stay in compliant with the Texas Ethics Commission. We appreciate your understanding.

You may click on the following link to complete your membership application on our website: http://www.clearcreekrw.org/become-a-member/



Clear Creek Republican Women PAC Galveston County, Texas 2020 Membership Application

| Name | | Spouse Name | |
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| Phone Number | | Home? Cell? | |
| Email | | | |
| Occupation | | Birthday (Month/Day) | |
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| Associate Member \$15.00 (Member of another RW Club or a Male) | | | |
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| Member of another | RW Club? Yes | No If yes, name of Club | |
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