

Reach for the Stars

September 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOW is the time Republican Women!

Some of my favorite little sayings, "If not now, when?" and, "If not me, who?" As you read, listen, and discuss the chaos that we call 'government', you must ask yourself these questions. As our State Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen stated at the recent Galveston Republican Net-



work program; it is sad when our Texas legislators must pass a bill banning sexually explicit books from the children's section of the library and had to also pass a bill to keep children out of sexually charged drag shows. When I was fifteen, I remember not being allowed into an R rated movie. In our communities today, movies are readily available on streaming services for children to turn to anytime.

I am so proud to live in the great state of Texas where we have great representation from legislators, county, and city officials. They keep fighting for our future. These men and women stand in front of the gate and guard the values that are slowly slipping away in the name of diversity and inclusion.

This month we are fortunate to have as our speakers, Sherry Peterson, Tina Gibson, and Dr. Robin Armstrong who are tireless champions in the Republican Party. Our hope is that everyone will leave with ideas on next steps to take to advance our Republican values.

See Everyone September 1st.

Martha CCRW President

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September 01 — Monthly Meeting

- Lunch and Learn Dr. Robin Armstrong will discuss the structure of the GOP.
- ♦ Sherry Peterson TFRW Deputy Regional President, Region XVIII Tina Gibson GHCFRW President

CCRW is honored to have Sherry Peterson and Tina Gibson share their experiences and their roles in building and supporting Republican organizations that align with conservative values. We look forward to hearing what these hard working ladies have to say.

September 2023



CCRW Monthly Meeting

September 01, 2023

La Brisa- Mexican Bar & Grill 501 N. Wesley Dr., League City, Texas

11:15 - 12:00 Doors Open

12:00 - 1:00: Meeting

Lunch Speakers

Speakers:

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Lunch and Learn

Honorable Robin Armstrong, Commissioner, Precinct 4 will discuss the structure of the GOP

Sherry Peterson

Tina Gibson

TFRW Deputy Regional President Region XVIII **GHCFRW President**

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You MUST RSVP by end of day the Monday before each meeting. Please RSVP by completing the form on the website here.

Please reserve and select choice #1, #2, or #3 by end of the day **Monday before each meeting.**

Please note: You may cancel up to 24 hours before meeting, free of charge. After that time, you will be charged for your meal if we are charged by La Brisa for your RSVP.

Reminder, we are no longer offering a non-eating option at the monthly lunch at La Brisa, so please select one of the 3 meal options as noted on the website. The \$20 lunch fee is to be paid in <u>cash or check</u> only (made payable to La Brisa).

	September 2023
01	CCRW Executive Board Meeting
	CCRW Monthly Meeting
04	Labor Day
12	CCRW Mixer at La Brisa
28-01 Oct	NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention
30	GCRP Lincoln Reagan Dinner

CCRW 2023 OFFICERS

President

Martha Boswarth 832-738-8156

VP Membership
Della Brown

VP Programs
Cinnamon Scully

Secretary
Caroline Brazzel

Corresponding Secretary

Mary Kennedy

PAC Treasurer Melissa Johnson

<u>Treasurer</u> Melissa Johnson

Immediate Past President

Roxann Lewis

<u>Chaplain</u> Nisha Roady

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

Awards and By-Laws
Loretta Roberts

Campaign Activities
Debra Niblack

Hospitality
Laura Gappa

Publicity Vacant

<u>Literacy/Caring for America</u> Joyce Sears

> Legislative Janet Bell

Newsletter
Jacqueline Irwin

Parliamentarian
Carol Evans

Historian Vacant

2023 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

<u>Directory</u> Mary Kennedy

Finance/Budget
Melissa Johnson

Internal Review
Chrissy Crews

Events
Lanette Lashway

Social Media Kolleen McCaskey

> <u>Website</u> Kristen Day

Membership Report -September 2023

CCRW Membership Update

Republican Friends,

If you have not renewed your dues for 2023, I encourage you to renew **ASAP** so that Clear Creek Republican Women can be recognized by **Texas Federation of Republican Women**. Dues are considered late after March 31, 2023.

2023 is an important year for us to grow! If you are a member of Clear Creek Republican Women, then you are a member of our state and national organizations. You may not realize this, but **TEXAS FEDERATION of REPUBLICAN WOMEN** is the largest Republican organization in the nation. **You are a member of the largest republican organization in the nation!!!** TFRW is known for their hours of service and their largest financial contributions to campaigns.

As stated above, 2023 is important. This is the year we report our membership numbers to the state and national organizations for awards and recognition. We have a **RED** county and want to highlight our strength in membership numbers here at Clear Creek Republican Women. Please consider joining our club to be a part of this important contribution for the Republican Party.

Current Membership

91 Full Members 36 Associate Members

You can join as a **full member** or as an **associate member**.

Full Membership \$35

Women only – home club \$25 goes to our Texas Federation of Republican Women \$10 stays in our club

Associate Member \$20

Women – who are full member of other Republican Women Groups Men - only \$20 stays in our club

To join online follow this link **Become a Member** – Clear Creek Republican Women (clearcreekrw.org).

I look forward to seeing you September 1st for our monthly meeting.

Della Brown

1st VP Membership



Legislative Update—September 2023

Please click here to see our very informative legislative update by our Legislative Chairperson, Janet Bell.

Includes:

- 118th U.S. Congress Session
- 88th Texas Legislature Session and both Called Sessions

Literacy and Caring for America—September 2023

COMING UP IN OCTOBER IS OUR HELEN HALL LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE

New or gently used books for all ages will be appreciated.

The library staff will make use of all the books donated. If they have a copy of a donated book, they may keep it in the library or give it to the bookstore for resale. Nothing is wasted. We were advised they are seeing a lot of interest in historical fiction.

ONGOING IS OUR CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON THE BORDER

Constable Precinct 4 is deploying deputies to the border almost weekly to assist the United States Border Patrol with securing our border. These deputies are deployed for a full week.

The Constable's office will accept individually wrapped snacks: candy, cereal, chips, cookies, etc., as well as bottled water.

Please bring your treats to:

Constable Justin West's office: 174 Calder Rd, Suite 127 League City, TX 77573

Contact me if you have treats that need to be picked up: (jsears389@gmail.com)

They make periodic trips to the border taking these treats.



Again, thank you for all your participation. **Joyce Sears**

Literacy and Caring for America, Chair

Volunteers Needed!!! Become a Deputy Voter Registrar

Volunteer Deputy Registrars are needed to staff voter registration booths at upcoming events!!!

- Q: How can you become a Deputy Voter Registrar?
- A: In person Training
- Q: When?
- A: Third Friday of each month at 10 a.m.
- O: Where?
- A: Galveston County Courthouse 722 Moody, Galveston, TX Commissioners Courtroom
- Q: What do I need to do?
- A: Print and complete the application in English <u>VOT 26-VDR Application 12.3.2022</u> or <u>print and complete the application in Spanish</u> and submit it to the Voter Registration Department via fax, email or deliver to any GCTO Office.
- Q: What if I have done this before?
- A: VDRs who have completed the in person training (with us or another Texas County), may "re-up" via the online application and training program. Those wishing to renew online should complete this online renewal application (VOT 26 -VDR Application for Renewal Appointment) and email it to galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us or bring it to any monthly training class

Upon completion of training, you will receive a VDR handbook, Certificate of Appointment, VDR name badge, identification card, voter applications, registration supplies and the authority to distribute and receive voter applications within Galveston County.



*Image from www.washoecounty.gov/voters

Secretary's Minutes - August 2023

Clear Creek Republican Women General Meeting La Brisa Cantina August 04, 2023

<u>Call to Order:</u> The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

<u>Invocation</u>: Nisha Roady,-Chaplain, gave the invocation.

<u>Pledges:</u> Hank Dugie, County Treasurer, led everyone in the Pledges of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Martha Bosworth asked for any corrections to the minutes, hearing none

the minutes stood approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Martha Bosworth read the balance for CCRW accounts is \$15,768.28.

<u>Campaign Activities</u>: Martha Bosworth reminded the attendees that the QR codes could be used

to access the forms to submit volunteer hours.

Membership Report: Della Brown reported that the club had 91 full members and 27 associate

members. She then announced the TFRW convention dates and asked if anyone in attendance was interested in becoming an alternate delegate. The members who had submitted their names for delegates were read and Della asked for a motion to approve the list. Having no objections, the

members were approved.

Events: Lanette Lashway announced the table in the back was selling tickets to

"Food for Thought"

<u>Literacy/Caring for America</u>: Joyce Sears informed the luncheon that the school supplies generously

donated would be given to Lighthouse Christian Ministries for distribution. She also announced the book drive for October.

Programs: Cinnamon Scully introduced the speaker, Julie Pickren, State Board of

Education Representative, Position 7. Mrs. Pickren discussed the updates to policies in libraries and new regulations for curriculums used in our

schools. She also discussed the funding of chaplains in schools.

Hospitality: The winning raffle ticket received a gift from Laura Gappa.

Announcements: Martha Bosworth announced the dates for the volunteer appreciation,

TWIA meeting, and the Lincoln Reagan dinner. Barbara Meeks made an

announcement about the upcoming trial in Galveston County for

redistricting.

<u>Adjourn</u>: 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Brazzel, Recording Secretary

Campaign Activities—September 2023

Reporting Hours



You can report hours monthly (click here):

Look at your calendars/phones at all of your hours. If you have not started reporting your volunteer hours this year, now is the time to start. With the new changes, we may now include hours worked as election clerks, election judges, making phone calls and time spent working for candidates as long as you are not employed by them. Don't forget your travel time to and from events, and any preparations for those meetings or events. Our Galveston County GOP Headquarters has been open and will be reopening again soon just a few offices down. Please **don't forget to volunteer and keep a record of your hours spent.** Awards will be given by TFRW and NFRW to members and clubs volunteering **and reporting** the most hours.

As a reminder...New Categories for Reporting Hours and what to include:

1. CALLING

Include all calls for any political activities, such as initiatives or ballot questions.

Dialing apps will record the number of calls you have made, or you can use your best estimate.

2. POLITICAL HOURS

When in doubt, count the hour and round up to the closest whole hour.

Travel time to and from the activity.

Research and development of the activity (Example: Social media posts / letters to the editor).

Preparation and breakdown of activity hours collected are on a best estimate basis.

3. PRIMARY and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS hours are counted.

All volunteer political activities, whether paid or unpaid (Example: paid election worker or poll watcher), are eligible. *Individuals who are salaried campaign and/or GOP professional staff do not qualify (i.e., those who earn their living by being employed in politics).

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES

- All time spent at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions (in person or virtual).
- All campaign activities benefiting the Federation (TFRW), the Republican Party, or Republican candidates.
- ♦ Attendance at all Republican events, including Rallies, Lincoln Day Dinners, even if tickets were purchased for attendance.
- Running for Office (partisan or non-partisan) as a Republican Candidate.
- Walking precincts, preparing letters to the editor or elected officials, any phone calls, radio, TV and social media appearances, posting to social media, voter registration, writing or editing a digital or hardcopy club newsletter, attendance at rallies.
- ♦ Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign (partisan or non-partisan) .
- ♦ Working on Republican ballot questions, initiatives, or petitions.
- ♦ Time spent serving as an elected member of your Local, County, State or National Party Committee.
- ♦ Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions.
- ♦ Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at meetings or conventions of the Local, County, State, and National Republican Party or local meetings or conventions.
- ♦ Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office.
- ♦ Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office as a volunteer.
- ♦ Working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity worker.
- ♦ All campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation (TFRW).
- ♦ Time spent making political and campaign calls.
- Any other political or campaign activities.

Please go to the Campaign Activities/Volunteer Hours page on our website here and submit the hours that you added up.

Our website also has a convenient list of all of the updated activities that you may count as volunteer hours.

We look forward to hearing from each of you and we thank you for all of your work in keeping Galveston County and Texas RED.

Debra Niblack CCRW Campaign Activities Chairman niblackdebra@gmail.com

For additional information and to SUBMIT HOURS click here!

September 2023

MEETING CALENDAR FOR AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN CLUBS

Galveston County Republican Party Comprehensive List galvestoncntygop.com/republican-groups/

Bay Area Republican Women—4th Tuesday of the month 7:30am 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—Beginning March, meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month 11am— Location TBD http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com/

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

September 2023 BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to each of you who celebrate in September! If your birthday isn't listed, it is because the information was not on your membership form.



04	Larissa Ramirez	18	Caroline Brazzel
08	Michael Scully	18	Hon. Mayes Middletor
08	Katharine West	18	Major Ray Nolen
13	Deborah Roan	19	Mikki Sauer
16	Mary Helen Slone	22	Loretta Roberts
17	Jacquie Tugwell	28	Fay Picard

Upcoming Events



Galveston County GOP 2023 Lincoln Reagan Dinner

Galveston County Republican Party

Lincoln Reagan Dinner

September 30, 2023

The Trolley Station

2021 The Strand

Galveston, Texas

Keynote Speaker

Dawn Buckingham, MD

Texas Land Commissioner

Texas Federation of Republican Women

34th Biennial Convention October 12-14, 2023 Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas Irving, Texas

Convention 2023 - TFRW

CCRW still needs:

1 more Delegate and 8 Alternates

National Federation of Republican Women

42nd Biennial Convention September 28-October 1, 2023 Omni Oklahoma City Hotel & Oklahoma City Convention Center Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

42nd Biennial Convention - 2023 (nfrw.org)

CCRW still needs: 1 more Alternate

Upcoming Events



CCRW Mixer

September 12th

6:30 p.m.

La Brisa

501 N. Wesley Dr., League City

Astros

&

Cornhole



BARW Annual Lincoln Day Dinner – Bay Area Republican

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15,2023

BARW ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY DINNER

LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB
2425 NASA PARKWAY, SEABROOK, TX



KEYNOTE SPEAKER MARC LOTTER

FORMER PRESS SECRETARY FOR
VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE
FORMER DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC
COMMUNICATIONS
FOR

TRUMP-PENCE 2020 CAMPAIGN





August 04, 2023 CCRW Monthly Meeting At La Brisa

August School Supplies Donation Drive



Julie PickrenRexas Board of Education Rep.
District 7







Additional Resources

Elected Officials Contact Information

Additional Resources

GOP Meetings & Resource Links

State Government Resources

Acronyms - Ever hear an acronym and say, "What does that stand for?"

Senate District 11 Committee Appointments 88th Legislative Session

Senator Mayes Middleton

- ♦ Higher Education, Subcommittee Vice Chair
- Administration
- Business & Commerce
- ♦ Education
- Jurisprudence
- State Affairs

Representative Greg Bonnen

- Appropriations, Chair
- Select Committee on Healthcare Reform

Representative Briscoe Cain

- ♦ Agriculture & Livestock, Chair
- Insurance

Representative Dennis Paul

- ♦ Higher Education, Vice Chair
- **♦** Insurance
- Local & Consent Calendars
- •

Representative Ed Thompson

- Appropriations
- Calendars
- Natural Resources, Vice Chair

Representative Cody Vasut

- Business & Industry, Vice Chair
- ♦ Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

Representative Terri Leo Wilson

♦ Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

Call To Action with Toni Anne Dashiell - RNC National Committeewoman

88th Texas Legislature Zoom Series Fridays at 07:00 a.m.

Click here to see past TAD Talks and Subscribe to Receive Emails to Register for the Zoom TAD Talks.

2022 Texas GOP Priorities

These priorities were chosen by over 5,000 voting delegates at the state convention, June 13-18, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Delegates were presented with a <u>list of 15 topics selected by the Legislative Priorities Committee</u> after a comprehensive review of resolutions passed at the precinct and senate district levels of the convention process. Delegates were allowed to vote on 8 topics, which became the official Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas.

1. Protect our Elections:

Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of state. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.

2. Secure the Border and Protect Texans:

Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the US Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.

3. Ban Gender Modification of Children:

Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.

4. Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids:

Repeal Texas Penal Code "Obscenity Exemption" 43.24(c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials and 43.25(f)(2 3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or "gender identity" issues), and prohibit use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil or other enforcement measures.

5. Ban Democrat Chairs:

To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.

6. Abolish Abortion in Texas:

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.

7. Defend Our Gun Rights:

Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

8. Parental Rights and Educational Freedom:

Parents are the primary decision makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents' rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.

REACH OUT TO CCRW ON THE WEB

Our website has a lot of information we keep up to date as possible for you. Please browse around and <u>let Kristen Day know</u> if you find anything incorrect or needs to be updated.

Want to be in the know, get our monthly updates via our Mailchimp email list? Be sure to sign up at the top of most pages where it says "Subscribe to our Mailing List:" and enter your first and last name and email. You only have to do it once. If you have done it before but no longer getting our emails, we likely have hit your junk/spam folder. You'll need to white label our domain "clearcreekrw.org" and make sure we aren't listed as junk and then you should continue getting our emails.



Social Media

Growth is GREAT and with it comes change, so we are rolling with it.

The <u>CCRW Facebook group</u> just updated the rules – we now require you to be a member of our club (Full or Associate) in order to post.

We will still moderate them to keep them relevant and polite as our focus is to inform, not to further divide our party/club. We also still request that you limit your posts to 1x/week and the best way to get to know the members is to come to our meetings or events throughout the year. Please do NOT send your posts to us, you may post directly to the group, we will approve them, as long as you are current member

You can join quickly and immediately just by going to our Membership page, filling out the form and making your modest \$35 payment for 2023.

Membership Chair

2023 Membership Applications are available at each meeting or save time and paper and fill one out on our website www.clearcreekrw.org. There needs to be a form filled out by every Member and Associate Member each calendar year, even if your information remains the same. The club must stay in compliance 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 2023 Membership Application

Name	Spouse Name
	Zip
Phone Number	Home? Cell?
Email	
	Birthday (Month/Day)
Full Member \$35.00	New MemberRenewal
Associate Member \$2	0.00 (Member of another RW Club or a Male)
Have you voted in a n	ecent Republican Primary? Yes No When?
Member of another R	W Club? Yes No If yes, which RW Club?
How did you hear abo	out CCRW? Website Facebook Newspaper (which)
Friend (Name)	Other
would like to bein w	ith the following (Please check all that interest you)
Audits Awards Fundraising Hor Publicity Social P	By-Laws Campaign Activities Caring for America Directory Events spitality Legislative Literacy Newsletter Outreach Parliamentarian Media Website srest/Comments
FII save the Club mor	ney and take an electronic directory Please mail with check payable to:
	CCRW PAC, P.O. Box 2171, League City, TX 77574-2171
Date Paid	Check# Cash Amt. Paid
Dues and F	Conations are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes
	Corporate Payments Are Not Permitted

CCRW Name Badge Order



Badge Size 3" x 1-1/2" white with magnet back • Color CCRW logo Your info printed BlackorBlue (circle choice, black is default) \$15 delivered to CCRW meeting • \$17 Delivered (Includes sales tax Name:	
Line #2: this could be last name Line #3	
Please mail Order & Check to: o: Taylor MacQuen Advertising 2951 Marina Bay Dr., Ste 130-#238 • League City TX 77573 ** include email, or phone number in case of questions*** **Delivered or Mailed back PLEASE add your address below:	
Phone #email:@	_