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President's Letter

The trip to Austin for Legislative Day was a great experience. I'm sure it must be difficult to organize that many enthusiastic women, but the TFRW coordinators did a fine job making sure that the buses were always there to get us where we needed to be and making sure that we didn't go hungry (or thirsty at the Belles & Boots gala on Wednesday evening). We brought our red-clad selves into both chambers, and there was no seating left in the gallery with the Republican Women from across the state of Texas showing that we care about what happens in Austin.

My favorite part was meeting members from other clubs and hearing about the issues that they consider to be political priorities. Everyone has some main reason that they are involved in the political process. One woman talked about her involvement in the push for School Choice. Another stressed the importance of Pro-Life legislation. It made me consider what my own "pet issue" might be. It is possible that I don't have one just yet, but I am still learning and am happy to be part of a group of such passionate ladies who truly do care about this state, our nation, and this world that God has made.

Sarah Hess, 2017 President
Cooke County Republican Women

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- www.cookegop.com/ccrw
- www.tfrw.org
- www.nfrw.org



NEXT MEETING

Major Jeoff Williams
Texas Department of Public Safety
Criminal Investigations Division
Human Trafficking
Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 401 North Dixon Street, Gainesville, Texas

Next CCRW Meeting: May 4

Program--

--Vice President-Programs Dianne Helms, dphelms@ntin.net

Major Jeoff Williams with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Criminal Investigations Division will present a program on Human Trafficking.

The meeting will be Thursday evening, May 4th at 7pm at the First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon in Gainesville.

You will not want to miss learning about this deplorable criminal activity that is occurring all around us.



CCRW Participates in TFRW Legislative Day

Club President Sarah Hess, VP Programs Dianne Helms, Caring for America Chair LaVerna Nasche and Dorothy Hesse represented CCRW at the 2017 TFRW Legislative Day events in Austin April 5-6.



Legislatively Speaking

--Sharon McCormack, Legislative Chairman
817-996-3265, sharonmc@ntin.net

UPDATES:

- U.S. Congress asks AG Jeff Sessions to reopen Lois Lerner case.
- Kansas U.S. House win gives GOP some real worries for 2018. The Estes win was a 7 percent margin, compared to Donald Trump win of 60% in same district in 2016.
- Texas Legislative News as reported by Drew Springer, HD 68:
 - Texas House passed the budget for the 2018-19 biennium.
 - \$106.8 billion in available revenue, while at the same time cutting overall state spending by \$1 billion compared to the current biennium.
 - Transportation: \$2.5 Billion More for Roads
 - School Finance: \$1.5 Billion More for Education (Rural community colleges such as NCTC and Vernon were allotted funding that far outpaced the funding for urban colleges)
 - Mental Health & CPS: Additional \$62.6 Million for Mental Health and additional \$433 Million for CPS. (This is only the beginning of a more rigorous overhaul of the current CPS system which includes major reforms, not just more tax dollars.)
 - Medicaid: 2.5 Billion in Medicaid savings, with \$0.9 Billion more for public health. (While working with the Trump Administration, getting a reimbursement, and thus having \$0.9 Billion more in funds for Medicaid than allocated for 2016-17.)
 - Rainy Day Fund: Utilizing the ESF for its intended purpose. Using new money coming into the Economic Stabilization Fund to bridge the current economic downturn, we will return to the 86th Session with roughly the same amount left in the fund, \$10 Billion.

Other items coming to the floor will be:

Sanctuary cities bill

Bathroom bill (SB 6- Women's Protection Act)

Defunding Planned Parenthood

Property Tax Reform bills

School Choice- Possible and may have limitations to only special needs children.

*For more information go to
info@VoteDrewSpringer.com

Bring your Dues and your Friends to CCRW!

--VP-Membership Christi Klement, 940-736-9574c, lk@ntin.net

A big **THANK YOU** to the almost 40 members and associates who recently returned your dues and applications that I mailed to you!

We now have 79 paid members and 35 paid associate members. We would love to have everyone onboard for this year, so if you still have your letter and SASE handy, please take a minute and drop your dues in mail now! Your promptness is appreciated as we are working toward exceeding last year's numbers.

The Membership form can also be found on p. 7.

- Bring it to the May 4 meeting, or better yet--
- Mail it with your dues. My address is:
2762 FM 2739, Muenster, TX 76252

Volunteer Campaign Hours— Campaigns & a Whole Lot More!

--VP-Campaign Activities Pam Harrison,
pammieharrison@gmail.com, 940-768-9074

Twenty-six CCRW members reported a grand total of **823** VCHs during the first quarter 2017, and an additional 253.5 hours of community service under the Caring for America program.

Keep a calendar to jot down all your volunteer activities, so you won't forget any when it's time to report hours for April-May-June.

Common activities that count

1. **CAMPAIGNING** for a Republican candidate
2. **GOTV** (Get Out The Vote) voter registration
3. **LEGISLATIVE ACTION** promoting Republican policies and legislation, writing and calling legislators, attending hearings, Legislative Day
4. **CCRW & TFRW**
 - **TRAVEL TO AND FROM MEETINGS**
 - **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
(not the time during regular monthly meeting, however)
 - **DUTIES** as officers and committee chairmen
 - **WORK ON CLUB PROJECTS**
 - **FUNDRAISING**
 - **MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE!**
5. **COOKE GOP, REPUBLICAN PARTY**
 - **ATTEND** Eagle Club
 - **DUTIES** as Precinct Chair, County Officer
 - **VOLUNTEER** at headquarters
 - **HELP WITH BYOG FUNDRAISER** May 13

Republican Women Honor Veterans and Medal of Honor Recipients in April 8 Parade



Left to right: Pauline Lesch, Sharon McCormack, Pam Harrison, Dianne Helms, Kim Moss, Darla Hollandsworth and Judy Nehib
Below: Judy, Dianne, Darla, Kim, Sharon, Rick Harrison, Pam and Pauline



CCRW President Sarah Hess participated in the parade with her Saint Jo Riding Club.

Left to Right: Bob Hess (Sarah's dad) & "Apache", Sarah Hess & "Chance"
(Picture by Janette Hess)

Please share this information with family and friends!

SAVE THE DATE!



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For more information, contact us at ccrp@cookegop.com or leave message 940-665-8683.
www.cookegop.com Follow us on Facebook!

Cooke GOP's Next Eagle Club Meeting, April 24

--Republican County Chairman Chris McNamara,
chair@cookegop.com

Join us for our next get-together, Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at **The Wolf Den Family Restaurant**. Many of us arrive early and have dinner together before the program. No dues, no membership forms.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Randy Sistrunk and family on the March 31 passing of Sharon Sistrunk. Sharon had been a Precinct Chairman for several years, serving on our County Executive Committee. She also has served as an Election Judge or Clerk in almost every election of the past 10 years, including our Republican Primaries. We have lost a wonderful, smart, dedicated citizen.

Just pay for your own dinner!

May 13th is the 4th **Annual BYOG Sporting Clays Shoot**. This is our primary source of funding for Headquarters. Please do what you can to promote the event!

Help us find shooters, sponsors and door prizes. If you can help on the day of the event, contact me! We need help with sign-in, and setting up, serving and cleaning up lunch.

HOSPITALITY – May 4 Meeting Make it sandwiches & salad! And a few dessert items to top off the meal . . .

We have wonderful buffets due to the generosity of the members who contribute. Please be sure to take a turn helping with Hospitality!

Please let me know what you plan to bring. If you can help set up the serving table, plan to arrive by 6. We appreciate everyone who stays to help with clean up, too!

--Hospitality Chairman Nenia Kahl, nmk67@hotmail.com
Call or text to 940-641-2922

More photos from the Medal of Honor Parade. We support our Veterans!!

(Pictures by Janette Hess)



Important Local Elections Slated for May 6 (A repeat from last month)

Non-partisan local elections for Cities, School Districts and other taxing districts are scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 7am-7pm. Early voting will take place April 24 – May 2. There is no “one-place-fits-all” for early voting. Each entity conducts early voting in their own facilities. On May 6, you may have to go to more than one polling place. Contact each entity for locations and hours of early voting, and for May 6 voting locations.

NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER (Gainesville Hospital District) 940-665-1751 The Board consists of nine members who meet monthly. Three seats are up for election: The seats of **Derrell Comer** and **Diana Eichenberger**, and the vacancy that resulted when Gloria Parrish passed last fall. Comer and Eichenberger filed for reelection. Three additional candidates are running. They are **Ken Arterbury**, **Jimmy Mosman** and **Katy Gallahan**. Those five names will appear on the ballot, and each voter can vote for up to three. The three who get the most votes will win seats on the Board. Early voting will be at the Hospital. May 6 voting locations will be posted soon at www.ntmconline.net.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE (NCTC) 940-668-7731 The NCTC board has seven members who meet monthly. They elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Place 6 **Dr. Bill Ledbetter** is not seeking reelection. Candidates for Place 6 are **Jerry Don Henderson**, **David Isbell**, and **Paula Moore**. Place 7 **Dick Haayen** is running unopposed. Early voting will be in the NCTC Board Room, 8:30am-4:30pm, 4/24-5/2. Go to www.nctc.edu for a link to May 6 polling places.

CITY ELECTIONS The **City of Gainesville** and **City of Muenster** have cancelled their elections, since all candidates are unopposed. If you live in other city limits, check with your city.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS Credit Megan Gray-Hatfield from the *Gainesville Daily Register* for conducting great research for her article about school district elections, which appeared in the March 7 issue of the paper. To read her article, go to <http://www.gainesvilleregister.com/news/area-districts-to-host-school-board-elections-on-may/article-82623abc-038d-11e7-9255-23a8ece13ac2.html>

Callisburg ISD: Two open seats; at-large; 3yr terms
Candidates are **Mandy Gregg**, **Dennis Harmon** (incumbent), **Dwayne Hopson**, and **Jay Houk** (incumbent).

Gainesville ISD: Three seats are up for election; 3yr terms

- Place 1 Incumbent **Mike Rosenberg** is uncontested.
- Place 2 **Ryan Green** (incumbent) and **Marvin Royal**.
- Place 3 **Will Presson** (incumbent) and **Constance Condie**.

Lindsay ISD: Three full terms, one unexpired term; 2yr terms

- Candidates for full terms are **Ben Hawkins** (incumbent), **Brian Manhart**, **Cory Maydew** (incumbent) and **Laurence Williams**.
- Candidates for the unexpired terms are **Zach Bowman** and **Cody Martin** (incumbent/write-in).

Muenster ISD: Two seats are up for election; 3yr terms

- Place 3 Incumbent **Matt Sicking** is opposed by **Jason Huchton**.
- Place 4 **Doug Hermes** is uncontested.

Sivells Bend ISD: There is one vacancy due to the resignation of Mack Faries in November.
Candidates are **Taylor Najera** and **Wynette Tipps**.

Valley View ISD: Three seats are up for election; 2yr terms. One seat is contested—
Matt Lowry (write-in) running against **Ray Sappington** (incumbent).

Era ISD and **Walnut Bend ISD** offer elections in November.

STANDING COMMITTEES/2017 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs)	Dianne Helms	940-368-0007
Americanism	Nenia Kahl	940-641-2922
Bylaws	Janette Hess	940-736-3023
Chaplain	Sharron Acker	817-368-0860
Caring for America	LaVerna Nasche	940-736-1954
Historian	Debi Zielinski	940-727-9617
Hospitality	Opportunity!	See Page 4!
Legislative	Sharon McCormack	940-668-6762
Literacy	Darla Hollandsworth	940-665-5676
Membership (VP-Membership) . . .	Christi Klement	940-759-2937
Parliamentarian	Rosina Salsman	940-736-1954
Political Action (PAC Treasurer) . .	Marci Gilbert	940-634-3733
Public Relations/Newsletter	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417c
Telephone/Hotline/Network	Kimzie Moss	940-242-3083
Ways & Means (VP Fundraising) . .	Tiffany Lester	940-641-1107
SPECIAL COMMITTEES:		
Finance/Budget (Treasurer)	Marci Gilbert	940-634-3733
2015 Financial Review	TBD	
2016 Nominations.		

Help Wanted:

Don't just join:
GET INVOLVED!

Interested in working on a CCRW project, or serving on a Committee? Put your talents to work! Call the appropriate Committee Chairman, or contact 2017 President Sarah Hess 940-736-0503
tankhess@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 2017
24 – Monday, 7 pm CCRW Republican Party Eagle Club, Wolf Den Family Restaurant
Come early for a “pre-meeting” meal and conservative conversation!

May 2017
4 – Thursday, 5:30pm CCRW Board Meeting
4 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
13 – Saturday, CC Republican Party BYOG Sporting Clays Shoot Fundraiser at Fossil Pointe, Decatur

June 2017
1 – Thursday, 5:30pm CCRW Board Meeting
1 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting

October 2017
18-21 TFRW 31st Biennial Convention, Dallas

November 2017
14-17 NFRW 39th Biennial Convention, Philadelphia, PA

Find CCRW on the County Party website
www.cookegop.com/ccrw.

If you get The VOICE by U. S. mail, and would prefer to receive it in color via email, please contact Pauline Lesch, plesch@ntin.net.

Cooke County Elected Officials

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| County Judge Jason Brinkley (R) | 668-5435 |
| Commissioner Precinct 1 Gary Hollowell (R) | 668-5481 |
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| Commissioner Precinct 2 B. C. Lemons (R) | 668-5482 |
| bc.lemons@co.cooke.tx.us | |
| Commissioner Precinct 3 John Klement (R) | 668-5483 |
| john.klement@co.cooke.tx.us | |
| Commissioner Precinct 4 Leon Klement (R) | 668-5484 |
| leon.klement@co.cooke.tx.us | |
| County Court at Law Judge John Morris (R) | 668-5461 |
| County Attorney Ed Zielinski (R) | 668-5459 |
| County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R) | 668-5424 |
| County Clerk Rebecca Lawson (R) | 668-5420 |
| Tax Assessor-Collector Brandy Ann Carr (R) | 668-5425 |
| County Sheriff Terry Gilbert (R) | 665-3471 |
| <i>Justice of the Peace:</i> | |
| JP Precinct #1 Olivia Neu (R) | 668-5463 |
| JP Precinct #4 Carroll Johnson (R) | 726-3539 |
| <i>Constable:</i> | |
| JP Precinct #1 Chris Watson (R) | 736-0934 |
| JP Precinct #4 Russ Harper (R) | 231-7662 |
| <i>235th Judicial District:</i> | |
| District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R) | 668-5401 |
| District Attorney John Warren (R) | 668-5466 |
| District Clerk Marci Gilbert (R) | 668-5450 |
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| CCRP Headquarters: | |
| <i>Answering Machine:</i> | 665-8683 |

Cooke County Republican Women

2017 Membership Application & Yearbook Information

Date: _____ Check if New Member _____ or Renewing Member _____

(Renewals are due by March 1, 2017, per Bylaws.)

Republican Women: Check if ___ Active Member or ___ Active/Supporting Member

2017 Dues: **\$25.00** Cash: ___ or Check # _____ (personal checks only)

\$25 includes membership in CCRW (\$10); Texas Federation of Republican Women (\$5); National Federation of Republican Women (\$10)

PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE ALL ITEMS:

Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Preferred Ph# _____ H W C Alternate Ph# (if any) _____ H W C

Circle letters to identify type of phone: H = Home; W = Work; C = Cellular

Occupation _____ (required for PAC reporting to Texas Ethics Commission)

Optional: Spouse Name _____ Occupation _____

Associate Members: *Republican men, and women who are members of other TFRW clubs, are eligible to join CCRW as Associate Members.*

Associate Dues: **\$15.00** Cash: \$ _____ or Check # _____

Please fill out the above contact information, including occupation.

Make check payable to: Cooke County Republican Women

Mail to: Christi Klement
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Muenster, TX 76252



For additional information,
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