

President's Letter



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Voting in an election, any election, in this country is a privilege. Staying home and not casting a vote is unconscionable. Making a choice is not always easy, but letting someone else make those decisions for you is not being an American.

Our future and the future of our nation is at the very core of this election. Decisions: A 30-year politician or a man who doesn't do well in debates. A man who repeats himself or a woman who can look you in the eye, smile and lie, and lie and lie. A man who believes in the 2nd Amendment, or a woman who wants to take your guns away. A man who believes killing unborn babies is wrong or a woman who believes killing a baby in the womb right before it is to be born is alright. A man who believes in securing our borders or a woman who thinks it is ok for illegals to receive Obama health insurance. A man who will work to

make this nation safe or a woman who let those men die in Benghazi and then lied about it, again and again.

Decisions do not come easily sometimes. And decisions also come with consequences. The consequences of this election will affect us for generations to come.

You sort through all the rhetoric. Sort out the facts the best you can. Read and listen to reporters and columnists you trust. Get past all the "stuff" and look at what these two people have done in their lives. What they accomplished and what they have contributed to this country. I don't know what kind of president Trump will be, but I do know what kind of person Clinton is and will continue to be.

*God Bless America,
Dorothy Lewis, 2015-2016 CCRW President*

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Cooke County Republican Women, organized in 1991, is a Local Club of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women.

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Cooke County Republicans consolidate meetings on

Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 6 p.m.

ELECTION WATCH PARTY!

First State Bank Conference Center, Gainesville, Texas

November 8 Election Watch Party

--Pauline Lesch, Newsletter/PR Committeemember

County Republicans consolidate meetings at Election Watch Party

Cooke County Republican Women will hold their November monthly meeting at the Election Watch Party on Tuesday, November 8. The event is co-sponsored by the Cooke County Republican Party and CCRW, and will be held at the First State Bank Conference Center in Gainesville, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Club business will include the election of 2017 Club Officers. A chili dinner will be prepared and served by members and fellow Republicans. The Watch Party will also serve as the November meeting of the Eagle Club.

All interested Republicans are invited to attend the Watch Party and monitor election results.

For more information, contact CCRW VP-Programs Dianne Helms, 940-368-0007, or County Chair Chris McNamara, chair@cookegop.com <<mailto:chair@cookegop.com>>, 940-668-8683.

EARLY VOTING at the County Annex Building

WEEK 1: October 24-28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

WEEK 2: October 31-November 4

**Extended Hours in the evenings during Week 2!
8 a.m. -7 p.m.**

Vote early! Get it done!

If you have local voting questions, please call 940-668-5437

*1991-2016: Celebrating 25 years of commitment and action
for conservative values...*

Press Release

Cooke County Republican Women Celebrate 25th Anniversary

--Pauline Lesch, Newsletter/PR Committeemember

Cooke County Republican Women Celebrate 25th Anniversary

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the Cooke County Republican Women, which was founded on October 21, 1991, and chartered as a Texas Federation of Republican Women club. The club will celebrate the anniversary at its meeting on December 8.

The founders of the club were Shirley Newton (President), Ann Scivally (Vice President), Monica Lamb (Secretary/Legislative Chair), Maxine Cole (Treasurer), Edythe Rodgers (Parliamentarian), Essie Fae Scott (Chaplain), Audrey Silvernale (Publicity), Mary Fellers (Hospitality), Rita McCreary (Decorating), and Carol Washburn.

Another woman behind the formation of CCRW is former county resident Marcia Saunders. Saunders had already held five of the top offices in TFRW, and was instrumental in founding three Republican Women clubs before coming to Cooke County. After her move here, she was elected to serve as President of TFRW.

At the time CCRW was founded, all elected public officials in Cooke County were Democrats. The Democratic Party had dominated the county, state, and most of the South since reconstruction following the Civil War. In the three decades prior to the club's founding, a small, dedicated group of Republicans held the party together and made it possible for the GOP in Cooke County to finally flourish. Since the founding, the County Republican Party and CCRW have coordinated efforts to advance conservative policies and candidates.

In addition to helping form CCRW, Saunders also encouraged Republicans to challenge Democratic incumbents, to conduct phone banks, to walk neighborhoods to get out the vote, and to monitor elections as poll watchers. Other politically savvy newcomers such as Patricia Peale also helped spark the Party and the Club, and focused energy on recruiting candidates, holding successful fundraisers, and bringing big name Republican speakers to Cooke County.

One year after the club's founding, in 1992, the Republican Party for the first time had local candidates on the ballot. In 1994, four Republicans were elected, including the current CCRW President Dorthy Lewis, who was elected to serve as Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1. The other three were Paul Hesse-County Judge, Richard Brown-County Commissioner Precinct 2, and Pat Payne-District Clerk.

Twenty five years after the Club's founding, all local elected public officials are Republicans.

Serving as CCRW Club Presidents have been Shirley Newton, Monica Lamb, Donna Montgomery, LaVerna Nasche, Sharon McCormack, Pat Peale, Glenda Vowell, Veronica Harper, Sharron Acker, Pauline Lesch, Susan Hughes, Rosina Salsman and Dorthy Lewis.

At the December 8 meeting, the Club will reflect on its first 25 years, honor its Founders and Past Presidents, celebrate Christmas, and install 2017 Officers who will be elected in November. The event will be held at the First Christian Church.

A history of the Republican Party, "Reconstructing Reconstruction Politics (1991-2009)" was researched and written by Shirley Newton as CCRW Historian. It is available at <http://www.cookegop.com/CCRP HIST.pdf>.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



Thursday, December 8!

Christmas Party
Installation of 2017 Officers
First Christian Church

CCRW HELP NEEDED

If you can help with any of the following events, please let President Dorthy Lewis know:

November 3rd: NO 1st Thursday meeting

November 8th

**We are joining up with Cooke County
Republican Party for an
ELECTION WATCH PARTY**

at the First State Bank Conference Center

**We will conduct a short business meeting, primarily
for the election of 2017 club officers.**

Chili, finger foods, munchies, desserts needed.

Set-up & clean-up crews needed.

Legislatively Speaking

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

Ted Cruz Press Release October 14, 2016

**Sen. Cruz, Rep. Ros-Lehtinen Lead Bipartisan
Letter to UNESCO Member States: Do Not
Rewrite Jerusalem's History**

On Tuesday, Sen. Cruz and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) led a [bipartisan, bicameral letter](#) to members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) urging opposition to an item in UNESCO's provisional agenda, a resolution that would diminish the historic and verified Jewish and Christian ties to the Old City of Jerusalem in an effort to delegitimize Israel. Thirty-nine of Sen. Cruz's and Rep. Ros-Lehtinen's colleagues in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives joined them in sending the letter.

"I am proud to lead this bipartisan, bicameral effort with Rep. Ros-Lehtinen. The United Nations' obsessive hostility towards Israel will be on display

yet again this week as UNESCO considers another blatantly biased resolution that unjustly singles out our close ally Israel with false accusations and criticism, and attempts to erase the specific deep-rooted, historical connection of Jews and Christians to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal capital," said Sen. Cruz. "For thousands of years, Jerusalem has played a defining, central role in the history and identity of the Jewish people. For Christians, Jerusalem is a seminal spiritual site. This resolution flies in the face of, among other things, science as recent archeological excavations, notably in the City of David, have revealed incontrovertible, physical evidence that reaffirms Jewish and Christian ties to the holy city of Jerusalem. Members of the UNESCO Executive Board should vote against this intentional campaign to deny these historical truths, rewrite the history of Jerusalem, and delegitimize Israel.

Read the letter in its entirety [here](#).



***Strike Force at
Home Update***

-- Chris McNamara

County Chair

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Approximately two dozen "Strike Force at Home" volunteers from Cooke County wrote and mailed "Texans for Trump" postcards to over 1,000 priority voters in North Carolina. The voters' names and addresses were provided by RPT Vice Chairman Amy Clark, who is coordinating the Strike Force at Home volunteers in Texas.

Anyone interested in making phone calls for Trump can sign up for Trump Talk at talk.donaldjtrump.com. Or at www.mightytexasstrikeforce.com.

***Save the Date: Election Watch!
Tuesday Evening, November 8***

We will wrap up the campaign season watching the election results coming in at the First State Bank Conference Center on California Street, just east of the main bank building. We'll be asking for help with refreshments, set up and clean up.

This will also be the November Meeting of CCRW.

A minimal amount of business will be conducted, but a major piece of business will take place: Election of 2017 officers. Plan to be there!

The Search is Underway! 

At the October meeting, the Nominations Committee presented a slate of candidates for 2017 CCRW Officers. They are:

- President: Sarah Hess
- VP Programs: Dianne Helms
- VP Membership: Christi Klement
- VP Campaign Activities: Pam Harrison
- VP Fundraising: Tiffany Lester
- Secretary: Judy Nehib
- Treasurer/PAC Treasurer: Marci Gilbert

There were no nominations from the floor. That opportunity will again be offered at the next meeting on November 8 immediately before the election takes place.

Any Active Member in good standing is eligible to run for and serve in office.

Newly elected officers will be installed at the December meeting and start their terms on January 1, 2017.

Nominations Committee Members are
Sharron Acker - Chair,
Pam Harrison, Judy Nehib, and Rosina Salsman

November 1 marks the start of 2017 dues collection

—VP Membership Jamie Orsburn, 940-597-4720

Until the end of October, we will continue to collect 2016 renewals. The TFRW deadline is October 31. Then, starting November 1, we begin a new year! Wouldn't it be great if everyone paid their 2017 dues by January 1st!?

Mail your Membership Application, along with your check for \$25 to: Jamie Orsburn, P.O. Box 660 Gainesville, TX 76241.

2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Cooke County, Texas

Tuesday November 8, 2016

Polling Locations and Times

Precinct	Location	Address	City
Early Voting	County Annex Building	112 South Dixon St.	Gainesville
1 3 5 31	NCTC BUILDING 100 BOARD ROOM	1525 W. California ST.	Gainesville
2 30 34 35	First Christian Church	401 N. Dixon Street	Gainesville
4 26 37	Hillcrest Church of Christ	1712 E. O'Neal Street	Gainesville
6 9	Callisburg Community Center	92 McDaniel Street	Callisburg/Whitesboro
7 28	Tabernacle Baptist Church	305 CR 194	Gainesville
8	Callisburg Elementary	648 FM 3164	Woodbine
10	Mt. Springs Community Center	173 Mt. Springs Lane	Valley View/Mt. Springs
11	Valley View Baptist Church	504 North Lee	Valley View
12 14	Era Community Center	102 Malone Street	Era
15	Myra Baptist Church	218 Bradford Street	Myra
17	Muenster VFW	136 Ash St.	Muenster
18	First Baptist Church	121 North Pecan Street	Muenster
19 21	Conrad Hall	431 Ash Street	Lindsay
20 24 25 27	East Side Church of Nazarene	1415 S. Radio Hill Road	Gainesville
22	Lake Kiowa Lodge	905 West Kiowa Drive	Lake Kiowa
33	Moss Lake Fire Station	160 FM 1201 Ext.	Gainesville

Early Voting Starts October 24, 2016 Thru November 4, 2016

1st Week Early Voting Polls open at 8:00 am and Close at 5:00 pm

2nd Week Early Voting Polls open at 8:00 am and Close at 7:00 pm

Election Day Polls open at 7:00 am and Close at 7:00 pm

ID required for Texas Voters

You must present one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person:*

- ★ Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- ★ Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- ★ Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- ★ Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- ★ United States military identification card containing your photograph
- ★ United States citizenship certificate containing your photograph
- ★ United States passport



Do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of these IDs? Fill out a declaration at the polls explaining why and bring one of the following supporting documents:

- ★ Valid voter registration certificate
- ★ Certified birth certificate (must be an original)
- ★ Copy of or original current utility bill
- ★ Copy of or original bank statement
- ★ Copy of or original government check
- ★ Copy of or original paycheck
- ★ Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

*With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Exemptions: Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing ID at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who do not have a ID due to certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to showing ID at the polls. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.

STANDING COMMITTEES/2016 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs)	Dianne Helms	940-368-0007
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Bylaws	Rebecca Lawson	940-665-1889
Chaplain	Sharron Acker	940-612-0073
Caring for America	Christi Klement	940-759-2937
Historian	Tiffany Lester	940-641-1107
Hospitality	Nenia Kahl	940-641-2922
Legislative	Sharon McCormack	940-668-6762
Literacy	Debi Zielinski	940-727-9617
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Telephone/Hotline/Network	Rosina Salsman	940-727-8885
Ways & Means (VP Fundraising) . .	Rosina Salsman	940-727-8885
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 Committee Chairman, or contact 2015-16 President Dorothy Lewis 940-665-8289, dorothy@ridl.us

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2016

- 21 – HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY, CCRW!
- 24 – Monday, First day of Early Voting
- 24 – Monday, 7pm Eagle Club, Wolf Den Restaurant
- 28 – Last day to submit an Application for Ballot By Mail (ABBM) to County Clerk

November 2016

- 4 – Friday, Last day of Early Voting
- NOVEMBER 8, 2016 – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**
- 8 – Tuesday, 6pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting as part of CCRP's Election Watch Party, First State Bank Conference Center

December 2016

- 1 – Thursday, 6 pm CCRW participates in Chamber's Lighted Christmas Parade
- 8 – Thursday, 7 pm CCRW 25th Anniversary Celebration, Christmas Party, Installation of 2017 Officers, First Christian Church

January 2017

- 1 – Swearing in Ceremony, Cooke County Courthouse (time to be determined)

For voting information, go to www.votetexas.gov, a website of the Texas Secretary of State

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

If you want to receive the newsletter via email instead of U.S. mail, please contact Rosina Salsman at rosina@kiowaonline.net

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Commissioner Precinct 3 Al Smith (R)	668-5483
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Commissioner Precinct 4 Leon Klement (R)	668-5484
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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 Billie Jean Knight (R)	668-5425
County Sheriff Terry Gilbert (R)	665-3471
Justice of the Peace:	
JP Precinct #1 Dorothy Lewis (R)	668-5463
JP Precinct #4 Carroll Johnson (R)	726-3539
Constable:	
JP Precinct #1 Chris Watson (R)	736-0934
JP Precinct #4 Russ Harper (R)	231-7662

235th Judicial District:

District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R)	668-5401
District Attorney Janice Warder (R)	668-5466
District Clerk Susan Hughes (R)	668-5450

CCRP Headquarters:

Answering Machine: 665-8683