



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
November 2006

Jan's Jottings

**REMINDE EVERY-
ONE TO VOTE!**



I hope that on November 8 we are all ready to kick our shoes off, sit back and have a toast to a successful election. But, before we can do that we still have more work to do. I cannot say enough about the volunteer efforts put in by the ladies of Cy-Fair Republican Women – block walking, putting on labels, stuffing envelopes, calling, working polls..... When you read this, you probably still have time for a little extra push to the finish line. I know some of you are scheduled to work at polling locations as judges or clerks and others are assisting campaigns to help our Republican candidates to successfully cross that finish line. If you cannot assist in this way you can still email or call your friends and relatives to remind them of the importance of this election. When I send an email to some of the people I know that are not as involved, I get a lot of thank yous in return. Your friends really do appreciate and respect the nudge.

Several of our club members were reminded of all that is at stake in this election by none other than President Bush. Our campaign workers were given the very special opportunity to attend the rally in Sugar Land when the President came to support Shelly Sekula Gibbs. The President was articulate and passionate about protecting this country and its citizens. We are indeed fortunate to have him as our President. (I think we have some hands that will not be washed for a long time!) We must do everything we can to be certain that we keep a Republican majority in Congress. Remind those around you that it is easy to find things that you would like to have done differently, but would they really be happier if we did not maintain Republican control? I don't think so!

Republican Women make all the difference by your grassroots efforts. I know you have heard me say over and over again how important it is that we support all of our candidates – from the top of the ticket with our ever popular Senator Hutchison, through our Governor, judges and every County level office. I know you all will continue to be there for all of them.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14

Time: 9:30a.m. Coffee/Social -10:00a.m. Meeting
Lunch following

Place: Hearthstone Country Club*
7615 Ameswood Road

**Guest Speaker
Barbara Larson**

With Lunch-\$15.00/Without Lunch-\$3.00

RSVP: Jan Ott - 281-859-6464 or j.ott@wcthou.com

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Barbara Larson will be our speaker this month speaking on a topic which most everyone considers to be one of our most important issues. To know more how to improve education we need to learn more about our education structure. The topic of her talk will be "Who Controls the Educational System in Texas-The Federal, State, or the Local Government?" She will be explaining the impact that all levels of government have on our educational system.

Barbara Larson is a native of San Antonio, having graduated from Alamo Heights High School. After receiving her political science degree from the University of Texas at Austin, Barbara obtained her law degree from St. Mary's University and her Master of Law from SMU. Barbara then was hired to work at Shell Oil Company and she has called Houston her home ever since. During her career she has worked in many diverse situations, including a major oil company, the United States Agency for International Development, and CPA firms.

Barbara is married with 2 boys, both of whom currently attend West Point. Barbara is a very active member of her church, her community, she works for the disabled, and she supports the Boy Scouts. Both of her sons are Eagle Scouts. Barbara served as a Trustee in the Spring Branch Independent School System from 2001-2005. Barbara is a strong, active Republican woman. She is a member of not one, but three republican Women's clubs, plus she serves as Legislative Liaison for the Greater Houston Council.

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We are having fun working and learning together - not a lot of sleep, but a lot of satisfaction knowing that we are out there making a difference. I am so very proud to be a part of this organization.

**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Nov 3..... Last Day to Early Vote
Nov 7..... Election Day
Nov 14..... CFRW-Meeting
Nov 21..... Greater Houston Council Meeting
Dec 16..... CFRW Christmas Party



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NEWS AND NOTES



Membership:

It's never too late to bring a guest (potential member) to our meeting. We're always thrilled to meet new people and hope that they will enjoy the friendship, community service and information that our club provides.

Remember - Republican Women's Clubs are grass roots at its finest. Be informed, be involved, **bring a friend**. We can make a difference!



Ways and Means

Special Order Pumpkins are still available through November 15. The new shipment of The Peter Barnes books are here and available. These will make wonderful Christmas presents for the little ones in your life! Give them the gift of education about our government. It is priceless.



Campaign Activities

We have had a busy month working for the candidates and I appreciate all of you who have given your time. I have been keeping track of hours if you worked on the same days that I worked. Some of you may have gone to work at other times so I'm not aware of the

hours you put in. Please let me know so I can enter these on my log. These hours are turned in to TFRW quarterly and this lets them know which clubs are working hard to help get the vote out. It will also help me to calculate who has been our hardest working volunteer. Please email me at reparrish@hotmail.com.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Cy-Fair Republican Women
Minutes for October 10, 2006 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Ott at 7:15 p.m., in the home of Rita Parrish. Alice McDill gave a moving invocation. Judge Jay Karahan led the club in a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Following the pledges, guests and new members were introduced. Special guests were Representative Michael McCaul; Pete Slot, representing congressman Bill Callegari; Representative Corbin VanArsdale; Patricia Harless, candidate for District 126; Representative Joe Nixon; Fred Blanton, candidate for NHMCCD board; Jason Smith, staff member for Joe Nixon; and Gregg Hill, chief of staff for Michael McCall.

Stephanie DeHondt introduced the guest speaker, U. S. Representative Michael McCaul. Following his comments Representative VanArsdale introduced Representative Joe Nixon who billed himself as a humorist for the night. His program was a very entertaining recap of the recent legislative session titled Rockin Republican Countdown.

The September general meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Mary Atchison gave the treasurer's report. Mary Moss announced that club dues, until the end of the year, have been reduced to \$12. CFRW has children's books written by Peter Barnes for sale. A new fundraiser was introduced. We are selling fall pumpkin arrangements that can be personalized as to colors. Jan thanked Dawn Shull for the great job she is doing publishing the monthly newsletter for CFRW.

Rita Parrish spoke about the upcoming elections and campaign activities. As a club we are going to continue to work in Patricia Harless' office. Martha Wong is in a tough re-election battle and could use help in her office on Richmond, just inside the loop. The TFRW A-Team will be in town to block walk on October 14. Voters are being urged to vote a straight Republican ticket to be sure and cast a vote for the judicial candidates at the bottom of the long ballot. We are also reminded to put bumper stickers on our cars.

Jan called for a motion from the floor to spend \$300 to buy dictionaries for third grade students at Walker Elementary. Phyllis Kidd made the motion, it was seconded and passed.

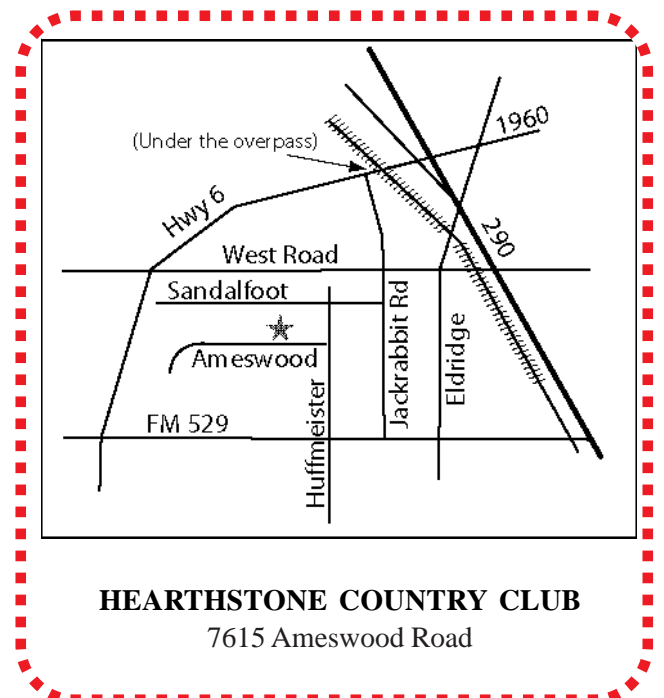
Mary Moss, chairwomen of the campaign funds distribution committee, made a motion to make the following campaign contributions: (see Mary's e-mail). The motion was seconded and passed as proposed by the committee. Stephanie DeHondt congratulated the committee and the club on the contributions, which she noted was quite an accomplishment for such a new club.

Phyllis Kidd, chairwoman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers to be voted on at the November general meeting: President, Kay Waghorne; 1st Vice President, Stephanie DeHondt; 2nd Vice President, Mary Moss; 3rd Vice President, Rita Parrish; Secretary, Betty Guthrie; and Treasurer, Dawn Shull.

The CFRW Christmas party will be at the Twin Lakes clubhouse. A committee is needed to plan the party. The November meeting will be at Hearthstone Country Club. GHC will host an immigration forum on October 16. If anyone would like to carpool please sign up. Senator Hutchison will be the guest speaker for the luncheon.

Mary Atchison thanked everyone for their prayers, concerns and blood donations during her son's recovery from his accident. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by,
Kitty Berger, Secretary CFRW



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Important links:

<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<http://thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<http://www.texaspolicy.com/> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<http://www.ghcrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us> - Texas Secretary of State web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments.

