



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
December 2006

Jan's Jottings

This is my final opportunity to write my "Jan's Jottings". I am passing the pen to Kay Waghorne's capable hands as she is about to take her position of leading the Cy-Fair Republican Women. Before I say thank you to everyone and look forward to the future of the club, I must say a couple of things about the elections.



I am really pleased that so many of you took time from your busy schedules to get out and work on campaigns and help our Republican candidates. That effort is extremely valuable and I know we had some fun doing it as well. Congratulations, to one of our own Associate members, Patricia Harless, on her election to the Texas House of Representatives. Sadly, though, we lost one of our fine representatives, Martha Wong. She has been a strong asset in the House and will be missed, but I know Martha will continue to provide her wonderful leadership in some other capacity.

Of course, the election results as a whole were most definitely depressing – but, we will survive. I do not believe that this was the huge wave that the Democrats like to claim. Historically, the party in the White House has lost seats in Congress in the sixth year of an administration. (I am trying to help us not feel so badly!) However, we must take this loss as a huge motivation to reach out and educate more people on the issues and our traditional Republican values and work that much more during the coming two years. When I talk to people and they express dissatisfaction with one topic or another, I often find that much of their reasoning is often based on misleading sound bites from the media. That only impresses upon me the importance of what we do as a club by having informative speakers and delving deeper into understanding the issues and what our legislators can and cannot do.

One issue that I hope we will continue to pursue and learn more about is education. We had a fascinating discussion at our last meeting with our speaker, Barbara Larson. We appreciate too that Representative Dwayne Bohac came to listen and added to the discussion.

Before I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I must find a way to say thank you and how much I have appreciated our club's first board

**EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!**

**CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN
WOMEN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Date: December 16, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Twin Lakes Clubhouse
13000 Twin Lakes Boulevard

Just off Eldridge Parkway between Clay and W. Little York

Price: \$25 per person

Reservations required - please make your reservation by sending a check by December 10 to CFRW to Jan Ott at 7903 Alamar, Houston, TX 77095

members. All of them have been absolutely fabulous to work with and we have also had a lot of fun. Nearly everyone jumped in to work hard to build this club without having any other experience with a Republican Women's Club and what a great job they have done. Stephanie is inspiring and has gotten us great speakers, Kay has gone above and beyond with fund raisers that have set a tough standard, Dawn works diligently every month to get out our newsletter, Kitty keeps those minutes and is great at taking care of our communications, including great Christmas party invitations, Rita has gotten our members out working on campaigns, Mary M. cheerfully greets our newcomers to keep our membership rolls growing, Mary A. has organized our refreshments and places to meet, and Max nervously gets our TEC reports all filed on time. These ladies have been there from the very beginning. We also have had some great people step in to fill our needs – Susan with Community Service, Barbara as our Parliamentarian, and Millie writing Legislative Reports. It has been an honor to work with all of you.

Of course, all of these people will continue to be active in the club and I hope you all will be at our Christmas Party when our friend Representative Corbin Van Arsdale installs our new officers. I would tell you to have the Merriest Christmas and Happy New Year – but, I will tell you in person on December 16th at our Christmas Party – make sure you have your reservation sent in.....thank you, jan

CFRW UPCOMING DATES

Jan 9, 2007 CFRW Meeting
Mar 1, 2007 *Save the Date*
Legislative Day in Austin



MINUTES CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Cy-Fair Republican Women

Minutes for November 13, 2006, General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Ott at 10:00 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Alice McDill gave the invocation. Following the pledges, guests and new members were introduced. Special guest was Representative Dwayne Bohac.

Stephanie DeHondt introduced the guest speaker, Barbara Larson. Barbara spoke on legislative issues involving public education in the state of Texas followed by a very informative question and answer session.

The October general meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Jan told the club about the very successful GHC immigration forum, which a number of CFRW members attended. Jan recognized Kay Waghorne, Dawn Shull, and Kitty Berger for working President Bush's campaign victory tour in Sugarland on October 30.

As an ongoing ways and means project, CFRW has children's books written by Peter Barnes for sale. Members are encouraged to check them out to sale outside the club meetings. The club has purchased dictionaries to distribute to all third graders at Walker Elementary school in the Cy-Fair ISD,

Mary Moss announced that CFRW came in second in the state for new member registration and will receive \$500 from David Dewhurst. The club now has 61 regular members and a total of 83.

Rita Parrish spoke about the elections and campaign activities. Both Longwood and Hearthstone community newsletters carried pictures of and articles about CFRW activities. The club has received thank you notes for our campaign contributions from Jay Karahan, Beverly Kaufman, Patricia Harless, Greg Abbott, Susan Combs, and Charles Bacarisse.

Phyliss Kidd, chairwoman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 2007: 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. There were no nominations from the floor. Phyliss made a motion to elect the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and passed as presented.

The CFRW Christmas party will be on December 16, at the Twin Lakes clubhouse. New officers will be installed at the party. GHC will meet on November 21. CFRW member Emily Klein, who works for Representative Culberson, thanked the club for its support of the representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20, followed by lunch.



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NEWS AND NOTES



★ Membership:

It's that time of year again - no not Christmas. It's time to re-join the Cy-Fair Republican Women! Please fill in the enclosed Membership form and either mail it to Mary Moss, 14102 Blazey Dr., Houston, TX 77095, or bring it to our Christmas party, December 16th at Twin Lakes Community Center. Regular Membership is \$25; Associate Membership is \$17; and Supporting Membership is \$30. Checks need to be made payable to Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW)

I would like to make one more name tag order before the new Membership Chairman takes over. If you need a name tag - either new or re-placement - please contact me at 281-550-9415 or moss311@sbcglobal.net. The cost is \$15 for a durable, magnetic backed name tag.

★ Campaign Activities

We have had a busy year campaigning for our politicians. It has been a pleasure working with all the wonderful people who are in our club. We have had some fun and interesting times working with campaign managers and meeting the candidates. We have put in some worthwhile hours block-walking, stuffing envelopes and making phone calls. It is such a rewarding feeling to know that our club had a hand in making sure that the necessary work was being done to put a candidate on top. I would like once more to commend all of my hard-working volunteers and thank you all for giving your time and efforts to make our club a success. One of the nice things about belonging to this kind of club is the opportunities it brings for us to get to know candidates in our area and have friends who desire to be a part of making changes in the political scene. With the starting of a New Year there will be many more opportunities to get involved and I hope many more of our members will step forward and join the campaign activities to come.

★ Ways and Means

We are still selling our Peter Barns Books. Please remember them as Christmas gifts for that special child, grand child, niece, nephew or neighbor. And, if you would like to help by selling them yourself to friends and family you may "check out" some books on consignment. Just give me a call at 281-550-1723 and I'll get them to you.

★ Legislative

We'll continue with the glossary of legislative terms. Please note there are two new website addresses. <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/gtli/sessions/dates.html>

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>

MAJORITY—A number of members that is greater than half of the total membership of a group and that has the power to make decisions binding on the whole. There are two types of majorities that may be required for legislative approval of bills and other actions—a simple majority and an absolute majority. A simple majority consists of more than half of those members present and voting. An absolute majority consists of more than half of those members entitled to vote, whether present or absent.

MOTION—A formal suggestion presented to a legislative body for action by one of its members while the body is meeting.

NONPARTISAN—Free from party domination.

OMNIBUS BILL—A bill regarding a single subject that combines many different aspects of that subject.

OVERRIDE—To set aside or annul, as to override a veto.

PAIRING—A procedure for voting whereby, under a formal agreement between two members, a member who will be present for a vote agrees with a member who will be absent for a vote that the member who is present will not vote but will be "present, not voting." When two members are paired, the journal reflects how each member would have voted. Two members may be paired only if





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one would have voted “aye” and one would have voted “nay” on a particular measure or motion.

PASSAGE—Approval of a measure by the full body.

POINT OF ORDER—A motion calling attention to a breach of the procedural rules.

PREFILING—Filing of bills and other proposed legislation prior to the convening of a session of the legislature.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE—The presiding officer of the senate. The state constitution provides that the lieutenant governor serves as the president of the senate.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR—Permission to view the proceedings from the floor of the chamber rather than from the public gallery.

PRO TEMPORE OR PRO TEM—Temporarily; literally, for the time. The term is used particularly to apply to a temporary presiding officer of either the house or the senate.

PUBLIC HEARING—A meeting of a house or senate committee or subcommittee during which public testimony may be heard and formal action may be taken on any measure or matter before the committee or subcommittee.

QUORUM—The number of members required to conduct business. Two-thirds of the elected members constitute a quorum in each house. A majority of the appointed members of a committee forms a quorum for the purpose of conducting committee business.

READING—The presentation of a bill before either house by the recital of the caption of the bill. The Texas Constitution requires that every bill be read in each house on three separate days. Until a bill is finally passed, it will be in the process of a first, second, or third reading. The first reading of a bill is the point in the process when the bill is referred to committee by the appropriate presiding



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officer. The second reading of a bill is the first point in the process when the entire membership of a chamber has the opportunity to debate the bill and amend it by majority vote. The third reading of a bill is the next point in the process when the entire membership of a chamber may debate a bill and the final opportunity the members of a chamber have to offer amendments to the bill.

RECESS—A temporary termination of a meeting. Recesses are called for short breaks (e.g., for lunch or dinner) or occasionally at the close of a daily session to allow the legislative day to continue into the next calendar day. (See [ADJOURNMENT](#).)

RECONSIDERATION—A procedure by which the house, senate, or one of its committees may, after approval by majority vote, repeat the vote on an action previously taken to either annul or reaffirm the action.

RECORD VOTE—A listing of the individual vote of each member of a committee or the full house or senate on a particular motion or measure.

REDISTRICTING—A geographical division of the state into congressional, state representative, senatorial, or other legislative districts on the basis of the relative distribution of the state’s total population. District boundaries are redrawn every 10 years following the publication of the U.S. census to ensure an appropriate number of districts of approximately equal population.

REGULAR SESSION—See [SESSION](#).

RESOLUTION—A formal expression of opinion or decision, other than a proposed law, that may be offered for approval to one or both houses of the legislature by a member of the house or senate.





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2007 Membership renewal/application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

_____ Precinct # _____

Occupation _____ Newsletter by Email? Yes ___ No ___

Home Number _____ Work Number _____

Email Address _____

Best way to contact _____

Member Type - Regular (\$25.00) _____ Supporting (Men) (\$30.00) _____

Associate (Regular members of another club) (\$17.00) _____

Make checks payable to Cy-Fair Republican Women and mail or give to

Mary Moss, 14102 Blazey Drive, Houston, TX 77095

Tel: (281) 550-9415

If you are a member of another club, which one? _____

Special talents (i.e. computer skills, web pages, etc.) _____

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

Campaign activities _____

Fund Raising _____

Legislative _____

Membership _____

Programs _____

Publicity _____

Other _____

Historian _____

Amt. Dues Paid _____ Date _____



Affiliations:
National Federation of Republican Women
Texas Federation of Republican Women
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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7903 ALAMAR
HOUSTON, TX 77095

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.legis.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

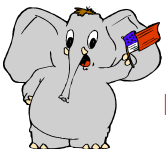
<http://www.texaspolicy.com/> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<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.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. -- **Luke 2:11**



I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time; a time when men and women seem to open their hearts freely, and so I say, God bless Christmas! -- **Charles Dickens** -