



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
January 2006

Jan's Jottings

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we kick off 2006, Cy-Fair Republican Women has been in existence less than six months as a club but we are already beginning to make an impact and have been rapidly growing our membership. Through the hard work of a terrific group of women we are beginning to make progress in working toward our goals.



I hope that everyone will attend the upcoming candidate forum that we are co-hosting with other area Republican Clubs. There is more information about this upcoming forum on page 2 of this newsletter. As you make plans to attend, invite someone else to go with you so as to help encourage others to learn more about the candidates and to be more involved in our electoral process. The primary election that is coming up on March 7 is very important. The final outcome of many of the positions that you will be voting on in this primary will be determined in this election. Working to educate ourselves and others is vital so that we can have an informed electorate as we go to the polls. There are also some "down the ballot" judicial races to consider. These races typically get less attention but can be every bit as important to us as the highly publicized races.

I also want to encourage you to get involved in some of the campaigns. The candidates always need help and Republican Women have long been an invaluable resource for grassroots campaigning. Some of you might like to choose a day each week to work a few hours in a candidate's campaign office. There is always something to be done – stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, or block walking. If you have never been involved in a campaign, not only will you find that it can be quite interesting and a lot of fun, but it is a tremendous help towards getting your candidate of choice elected.

As a club, we do not endorse one Republican over another in a primary. But, many of you may have a candidate that you as an individual choose to support and work for. Right now we know that there are Republican contested primaries for the governor's race, state railroad commissioner, our State Senate District 7, two State House Districts near our area – districts 133 and 126, as well as judicial races for the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals (the highest criminal court in Texas), and two District Court races. The filing deadline is January 2 so there may be some changes in this information by the time you get your newsletter.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- January 10 Tuesday Morning CFRW Meeting - 9:30am
Romero's Las Brazas Mexican Cantina
- January 17 Greater Houston Council Meeting
Nuts 'N' Bolts Workshop
- January 31 7:00 pm
Candidates Forum
Wyndehaven Terrace
- February 4 TFRW Leadership Workshop
Austin, TX
- February 14 CFRW Meeting - 6:45pm
Happy Valentine's Day
- March 8 Primary Election

In January and February there are some leadership development workshops scheduled in both Houston and in Austin that members of the board will be attending. This will offer us the opportunity to network and get more ideas to use to work toward making our club more effective and stronger. The Texas Federation of Republican Women gives awards to clubs that earn points in a variety of areas. Earning points by following these guidelines help us to earn these awards, but more importantly they lead us along the way to becoming a better club. I believe that with the strong core that we are working with in our membership, that this year we should be a TFRW award winning club.

One of the first steps in becoming an award-winning club is to keep and build our membership numbers. It is now time to renew your membership. If you have not done so yet, please fill out the renewal form on the back of this newsletter and mail or bring it to the January meeting with your check. With your renewal you will get our wonderful new membership book. Kay Waghorne and her membership book committee have been working to put together this book which not only lists our members, but also contains lots of useful information.

As you can tell, I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our new club in 2006 and very proud of how far we have come in such a short time. Thank you all for caring about learning more and being involved in working to educate and elect the best Republicans that we can. I will look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 10.



NEWS AND NOTES



Ways and Means: Membership Books will be distributed at the January meeting to those members who have paid their 2006 dues. Ad solicitations were mailed out on November 22 to Elected Officials. We hope to have a good reply. "High Tea and High Heels," our next fund raiser will be a spring fashion show. A Committee is now forming to plan the event. Please contact Kay Waghorne – 281-550-1723 if you wish to help.



Campaign Activities: All of the candidates who will be running for office this year will be in full gear starting in January. They will all need help in making their campaigns successful. Many of our members might be interested in working for the candidates doing things like making yard signs, making phone calls, block walking or working the polls during early voting or on Election Day. If you would like to help with any of these types of things, please e-mail Rita Parrish at reparrish@hotmail.com. I will have contact information for many of the candidates and will get the info for any others you might be interested in helping. Just let me know who you would like to help out and I'll get back to you with the information. Lets all get involved and make a difference.



Legislative Report: Prior to leaving for their Christmas break, the Senate did pass the "Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005." This Act provides a great deal of release for those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Employers affected by Hurricane Rita will get an additional tax credit on a percentage of the wages they pay their employees. It lifted the limits on charitable cash contributions made by corporations, and allowed early withdrawals from retirement plans of those affected by Rita or Wilma without penalty. In addition, it allows for increased expensing deductions for small timber producers in those disaster areas affected by Katrina, Rita and Wilma, and other tax benefits for victims.

Meanwhile in the House, action was taken to increase our border security. On November 17, 2005, the House passed the Border Security and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005. This bill ends the 'catch and release' policy of other-than Mexican illegal aliens, and will help the Department of Homeland Security to provide enough detention space to hold these undocumented aliens. The Bill also provides for enhanced border patrol operations, physical barriers and state-of-the-art technology, and streamlining operations within the Department of Homeland Security.

Representative, Michael McCaul, promoted significant portions of this bill.



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Have you paid your dues? Dues were due December 31. The amount due is \$25 for regular members and \$17 for dual members. You can pay Max at the next meeting or mail in the form on the back page.





Candidate Forum

Cy-Fair Republican Women will be joining with other Republican Clubs of Northwest Harris County to assist in hosting a candidate forum on Tuesday, 31 January 2006, at 7:00 p.m. The clubs we will be co-hosting with are 1960 Area Republicans, Northwest Forest Republican Women, Texas Tea Party Republican Women, and Cherry Tree Republicans. This Forum will be held at Wyndehaven Terrace, 12716 Cutten Road. Wyndehaven Terrace is located 1/2 mile south of FM 1960 on the east side of Cutten Road.

Judge Shelly Hancock will be moderating the forum and all of the host clubs will contribute questions to be asked. The forum will be timed as to Q & A and will last about 2 hours. A cash bar will be available and candidates will have time to mingle with the crowd.

The forum will include the following candidates/races:

Judicial races:

245th Annette Galik (i)
Sheri Y. Dea

315th Beverly Malazzo
Mike Schneider, Jr.

State Representative District 126: Patricia Harless
John Devine

Senate District 7: Mark Ellis
Peggy Hamric
Joe Nixon
Dan Patrick

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar as it will provide you another opportunity to learn more about the candidates for these important races.



CFRW's First Annual Christmas Party

The Cy-Fair Republican Women's first Christmas party was a great success. A special thank you to Mary Atchison and her committee, Kitty Berger, Rita Parrish, and Donna Smith Cude, for arranging all of the delicious food. We also would like to thank Janet Sheffield (and her daughter who works for the RNC) and Kay Waghorne for their donation of lovely door prizes. Dawn Shull won the glasses from the RNC, Kitty Berger the elephant bookends, Zina Holland the Christmas soaps, and Mary Atchison won the Texas Capitol Christmas ornament. We also collected some handwritten notes and phone cards for the soldiers which are sent through Operation Interdependence. Thank you to those who made contributions. We know our military personnel greatly appreciate it. We also appreciate Representative Joe Nixon and Nick Swyka, District Director for Congressman John Culberson, for stopping by to visit with us.

Meeting/Luncheon
TUESDAY MORNING
JANUARY 10
Romero's Las Brazas Mexican Cantina
15703 Logenbaugh (at Hwy 6), Houston, TX
9:30 AM Social/Coffee
10:00 AM CFRW Meeting and Speaker

Lunch Following
\$15 per person with lunch
\$3 per person without lunch

RSVP if staying for lunch by email
to J.ott@wcthou.com or
to Jan or Mary at 281-859-6464
No later than Monday, January 9

Joseph Naqvi
US Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence
"Positive Impact of Our Troops in Iraq"
Our speaker is Joseph Naqvi, a Communications Manager who looks after the communication infrastructure in Iraq. He will speak on the positive impact our troops are making in Iraq through programs such as Operation Iraqi Children (www.operationiraqichildren.org), a program started by Gary Sinise and Laura Hillenbrand, who Joseph represents in Iraq. The aim of this mission is to:

- Build a bridge between the children of Iraq and the children of United States with our military as the conduit.
- Build a better relationship and image for our military in the population of Iraq which in turn helps to . combat terrorism indirectly.

Joseph is a civilian and works for the US Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE) through AMEC.

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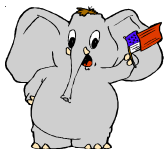
Dues are due in January 2006. You may mail a check for \$25 (\$17 for dual member) made out to *Cy-Fair Republican Women* to:

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