



Cy-Fair Republican Women

*NEWSLETTER
June 2006*

Jan's Jottings



I am happy to say that seems like every month when it comes time to sit down to write my "jottings" I have something wonderful to say about what you all have done for our club, which in turn helps to support Republicans. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who worked, attended and brought guests, or supported our "High Heels and High Tea" event and fundraiser in any way. Congressman Michael McCaul and our State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale were fabulous and we greatly appreciate their participation. With their help we were able to mix some very serious policy updates with some fun and laughter as they moderated our fashion show. I continue to hear from so many people what a great group you all are and that again, you outdid yourselves with this event. I know that next time we put on an event like this, everyone will know it is an occasion that they will not want to miss. Kay Waghorne and her committee have certainly set the bar high.

In the coming months as we get more and more involved in the upcoming elections, we will nominate a committee to evaluate where we can best use some of the money that we have raised so that we can be most helpful in getting our candidates elected. We will not only want to use some of our funds, but we must get actively involved in some campaigns. Grassroots works, but it does take time and effort. We must not get complacent in our state elections. Although, we currently have Republicans in all of our statewide offices, we can no longer take that for

granted. We have many excellent Republicans that will be on the ballot that we may consider safe but the Democratic challengers are not looking at it that way and they are gearing up for a fight. We also cannot forget to support our candidates all the way down the ballot. If people decide to split their votes at the top, it will hurt many of our judges as they will likely be forgotten.

Frequently, we focus on the big news names in our elections and forget about those closer to home that have a huge impact on our lives. We recently had the Cy-Fair School Board election. The most votes that any position had was a total of 1,215. These elections tend to get by us with very little notice, yet what is more important than education? I believe that one of the good things in the School Finance Bill is to move the school board elections to November. However, they may also be scheduled at the same time as a municipal election. Cy-Fair ISD would like to move theirs to the same time as Jersey Village's election, which is in May.

We will be having another interesting meeting this month and we will continue to meet throughout the summer. The club is planning to try to have something special for everyone in August. We do not want to lose any momentum as we move into the fall and a busy campaign season. The club has lots of great plans, but we do need your help. I hope that all of you will find a way to be actively involved in our club. With your help we can accomplish so much more, get to know everyone better and have a good time! Also, don't forget to bring guests – they are welcome at any time. I will see you on the evening of June 13, if not before.....jan



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- June 13..... CFRW - 6:45p.m.
- July 11..... CFRW - Day Meeting
- Aug 8..... CFRW - Evening Meeting
- Sept 7..... Greater Houston Council
Immigration Roundtable
- Sept 19..... Greater Houston Council Meeting



Membership:

The Cy-Fair Republican Women has certainly grown by leaps and bounds in our first year! At last count, we have 36 regular members and 16 associate members. But to be an effective force in our area, we need to spread the word to other like minded ladies in our area.

Here is my challenge to you all. Bring a friend to our next meeting. Someone you think might enjoy the information and fellowship that we provide. Someone who you think will be interested in getting involved with our many projects - from community outreach to working for candidates in the upcoming election. Then next meeting, bring another friend. At every Republican Women’s function that I have attended there is a running theme that comes from the elected officials in attendance - Republican Women make a difference. Stay involved - spread the word - **bring a friend. Together, as Cy-Fair Republican Women, we can make a difference.**

We continue to offer our own stylish name tags. Come prepared to order your very own hard plastic, magnetic backed, personalized name tag at our next meeting. The cost is \$15.00.



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Corrections

Regretfully a typographical error occurred in the “Americanism” section of our April 2006 Newsletter : In the *Star Spangled Banner* the words are “...through the night...”, **NOT** “...to the night...”. We humbly apologize.





June Meeting and Speaker



TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 13

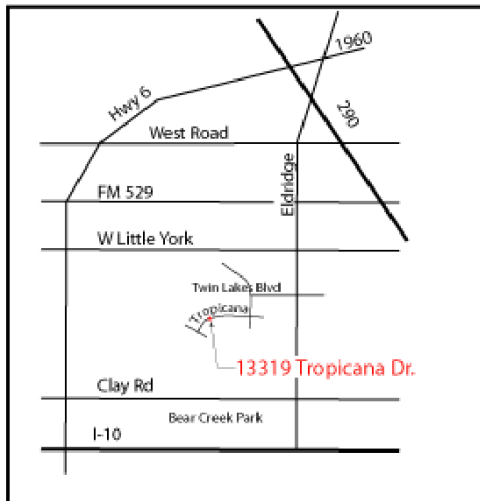
**Home of Barbara Dorsey
13319 Tropicana Dr**

6:45p.m. Social, 7:15p.m. Meeting
Hostesses: Betty Guthrie & Rita Parrish

Guest Speakers:

Hans Ambrosia, Lawsuit Reform
Allyson Nixon, Immigration

Please RSVP by June 12 to Jan at
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Please note: The neighborhood of
Twin Lakes is between Clay Road and West Little York.



Our speaker this month is HANS AMBROSIA. Hans is a key Texans for Lawsuit reform supporter and an active advocate for civil justice reform..

Reports show that while Texas still has some glaring civil justice problems to address, Texas tort reforms have strengthened the state’s economy in a variety of ways and are improving the quality of life for every Texan. The benefits of the medical liability reforms enacted in 2003 became apparent almost immediately, particularly in South Texas, where doctors had become increasingly scarce and specialists were practically non-existent. But improved patient access to health care and lower insurance costs for doctors, hospitals and nursing homes are not the whole tort reform story.

Nationally, researchers found that excessive tort costs in the United States impose a “tort tax” of \$2,654 per year for a family of four. Not all is rosy for Texas. Texas has some so-called “judicial hellholes” – those courthouses in the state that plaintiff attorneys choose to file lawsuits because they consider the judges and juries to be particularly “friendly” to their claims.

TLR’s objective is to restore litigation to its traditional and appropriate role in our society. TLR seeks to create a civil justice system that discourages non-meritorious lawsuits or outrageous claims for damages. They seek to encourage quick and efficient dispute resolution and envision a litigation system purged of game playing and intimidation, allowing plaintiffs to be fairly compensated and defendants to get a fair day in court. TLR strives for a trial environment in which the outcome is based solely on the merits of each party’s case.

To meet their goals, TLR is active in political campaigns, in legislative advocacy, in public relations, in judicial selection, and in the development of case law.

ALLYSON NIXON will also speak to us about immigration fraud. Allyson worked as a Citizenship and Immigration Services Adjudicator. It is her passion to educate the public about what is really happening in our “legal” immigration system. She says that you will be “amazed at the systemic fraud and the reasons why it is not pursued by our immigration officials”. You will enjoy this opportunity to hear about another part of our immigration problems that we don’t hear as much about.





MINUTES

April 11, 2006 General Meeting

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The evening meeting was called to order by president, Jan Ott, at 7:15 p.m. at Lakewood Glen Community Center on Louetta. Following the invocation and pledges led by Mary Atchison, guests and new members were introduced.

The guest speakers for the evening were Wayne and Melinda Rose who spoke on the science, ethics, and politics of stem cell research. They gave a very clear understanding of the science behind stem cell research by differentiating the various types of stem cells. Wayne and Melinda were very generous with their time and knowledge and took many questions from the audience.

The March general meeting minutes were approved as printed in the April newsletter. The treasurer's report was not available. Mary Moss announced our current membership is 52. Several members were recognized as having daughters who are also RW members.

Kay Waghorne announced that our spring style show, High Heels and High Tea, will be May 6, 11:00 a.m., at Raveneaux Country Club. Congressman Michael McCaul and State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale will be event moderators. Kay would like to have an account of tickets sold by April 15 so she can begin to finalize details. Sharon Moore is asking for any teacups that can be loaned for the event. Auction items are also being collected at this time.

Rita Parrish reminded everyone to turn in any hours worked on a campaign. She pointed out that the guidelines for eligible volunteer hours are in the membership books. A form was passed out for anyone that wants to do volunteer work on Susan Combs' campaign for state comptroller.

Mary Atchison asked if anyone would like to host June's meeting in their home. It will be an evening meeting and desserts will be needed. There will be no May general meeting in lieu of the fundraiser.

Micheline Hutson, publicity chair, has placed announcements in all local neighborhood newsletters. We had several visitors at the meeting who learned of the meeting through their neighborhood newsletter. Susan Fruit will continue to collect supplies to donate to Operation Interdependence. Remember that items should be small enough to fit into a baggy.

The state Republican convention will be June 2-3. Volunteers are needed to work the convention, including 15-18 year old pages. The TFRW Board will meet prior to the convention. Their meeting will include a "Tribute to Women" dinner. Kitty Berger nominated Jan Ott to be an honoree. The motion passed.

A sign is needed to put in front of our meeting location on meeting days. Our next meeting will be June 13. April 20, GHC is sponsoring a meet and greet for Senator John Cornyn at J. W. Marriott at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kitty Berger, Secretary CFRW





**Greater Houston Council
Save the Date**

Greater Houston Council will be having an Immigration Roundtable with a variety of speakers on Thursday, September 7. The event will be in the morning, culminating with lunch and a speaker and will be held in a hotel in the Galleria area. More information will be available at a later date but you will want to be sure to mark your calendars now.



**North Harris Montgomery
Community College District
Postponed May 13 Election**

NHMCCD, which includes Cy-Fair College, Kingwood College, Montgomery College, North Harris College, and Tomball College, postponed the trustee and bond election called for Saturday, May 13. The U.S. Department of Justice agreed that postponing the election was the only option available to the district without violating federal election laws. The action resulted from objections expressed by the Justice Department late last week regarding the reduced number and locations of the polling sites. The early votes that were cast will be discarded.

There was a large outcry when the number of voting location was decreased from 80 in 2004 to 12 and those 12 locations were confined to the community colleges themselves. In the past, the College District had made the voting more accessible and saved money by sharing costs and locations with school districts. Concerned tax payers wanted more information and had questions about what the money from the \$249.5 million bond, which was on the ballot along with the board trustees' election, would be used for.

Americans for Prosperity, a grassroots foundation committed to educating citizens about economic policy and advocates public policies that champion the principles of entrepreneurship and fiscal and regulatory restraint have issued their Legislator Report Card. This report card grades lawmakers on their efforts to restrain the growth of government. Legislators earning "A" grades for their votes to support taxpayer protections and to reduce taxes and spending in 2005 received "Defender of the American Dream" awards from the grassroots citizen group.

Here are our area representatives that were recognized as "Defender of the American Dream". There were a great many C's, D's, and F's around the State. You can see we do have some good, fiscally conservative representatives in our area and as the House Speaker. The Senate did not fair so well. There were no Senators that received this recognition. If you would like to see the full report and how they were graded, you can visit the AFP website at <http://www.americansforprosperity.org/index.php?id=938>.

Rep. Bohac, Dwayne (R-138)	A
Rep. Craddick, Tom (R-82)	A
Rep. Elkins, Gary (R-135)	A
Rep. Hamric, Peggy (R-126)	A
Rep. Nixon, Joe (R-133)	A
Rep. Riddle, Debbie (R-150)	A
Rep. Van Arsdale, Corbin (R-130)	A
Rep. Wong, Martha (R-134)	A
Rep. Woolley, Beverly (R-136)	A



A judiciary independent of a king or executive alone, is a good thing; but independence of the will of the nation is a solecism, at least in a republican government.

Thomas Jefferson, letter to Thomas Ritchie, December 25, 1820

(sol-e-cism (n.) 1. A violation of etiquette. 2. An impropriety, mistake, or incongruity)



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Texas Federation of Republican Women
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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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.

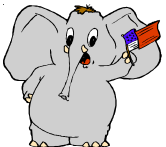
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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 election information



“All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”
English orator and author Edmund Burke in his 1/9/1795 letter to William Smith