



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
September 2006

Jan's Jottings

As I sit down to write my "jottings" to you all I am wondering where to start. I will let you in on a little not so well kept secret. I have always hated to write. However, I feel that what we are doing is so important that I want to share this passion with you and find a way to encourage everyone to get involved to whatever extent is possible for you.



We are now in the busy and very important campaign season. There are many extremely good candidates on the Republican side of the ticket that we want to be absolutely certain that they are elected. There may even be some Republicans that you are not 100% happy with. That is OK, and frankly, to be expected. Probably, the only person you are going to agree with all of the time is yourself (and sometimes we even second-guess ourselves!). You can feel confident that as a Republican they will adhere more closely to the same general philosophy. When Texas was a predominately Democrat state, the Democrats were so confident in their control that they would "eat their own" if they were not far enough to the left and actually support the Republican. Well, we know that that strategy did not work very well for them. We should not forget the lessons of history!

There are three very important events coming up that I want to encourage you to attend. Our **September meeting** is our membership meeting. I hope each and every one of you will be able to bring a guest. There will be prizes! In addition, our membership chairman, Mary Moss, has some special incentives for you. Read

her "News and Notes" in this newsletter. We would love to have more members that can be involved and active in our club, but we also very much appreciate those who are only able to have limited involvement. Every little bit of additional education and information that we can pass on will multiply.

On Saturday, **September 9, TFRW is having a Get out the Vote Seminar**. This is a very convenient location for us since it is going to be at Patricia Harless' campaign headquarters on FM 1960. What a great opportunity to learn more about working on campaigns. It is only \$10 to attend and we would like some of our club members to assist with the event since it is almost our neighborhood.

Finally, sign up now for **Greater Houston Council's Immigration Forum on October 16**. The forum will be held in the morning followed by lunch with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison as the speaker. The forum promises to be quite a lively event with panel members having a variety of opinions as to how this issue should be handled. It is already generating a buzz.

While our attention is focused right now on the November 7th elections, don't forget that our club will also be having elections in November. Please be thinking about what position you might be interested in. Yes, it is some extra work, but it is also both fun and interesting and provides a great opportunity for you to really help make a difference. We really have so much enthusiasm and fun at our board meetings, I know you would enjoy being a part of the planning and decision making process for our Cy-Fair Republican Women.

I will look forward to seeing you on September 9 and you and your guest on September 12.



September Meeting and Speaker



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Time: 9:30 a.m. Coffee/Social -11 a.m.
Meeting/Speakers-11:45 Lunch

Place: Luigi's Ristorante
12779 Jones Road
Houston, Texas 77070

**Guest Speaker is David Gornet, director
for the
Grand Parkway Association**

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

Special for our Guests

With Lunch - \$10.00/Without Lunch - free

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

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David Gornet is executive director of the [Grand Parkway Association](#) and a professional engineer with 25 years of transportation planning experience. He is in charge of developing the plan to complete Texas Department of Transportation's Grand Parkway, a 183-mile super loop outside Beltway 8. Mr. Gornet will be giving us an update on this project and be able to answer any questions you may have pertaining to the Grand Parkway. Bring your concerns and your questions and join us for what will be an exciting and informative meeting.



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MINUTES

August , 2006 General Meeting

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Minutes from Cy-Fair Republican Women's Club August 8, 2006, meeting.

The meeting began at 6:45 with a social in the home of Jan Ott. Members' husbands and friends were special guests. At 7:30, Jan called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speakers; Genie Hays, Communication and Grassroots Director and National Spokesperson for FairTax.org, and Jason Posey, also with FairTax.org. They gave a history of the fair tax movement and the grassroots efforts being made toward passage of their agenda followed by a lively question and answer period.

Tish Otten, from Patricia Harless' campaign, spoke briefly asking for volunteers for Harless' campaign. Other guests who were introduced and spoke briefly were Sylvia Manley, TFRW District 7 Representative, and Jo Konen, TFRW Public Relations Officer and Texas Star Publisher.

Susan Fruit thanked the club for the donations turned in to her to be delivered to Operation Interdependence. She will continue to collect donations. September's meeting will once again be a membership drive, with prizes for members who bring the most guests. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Kitty Berger, Secretary, CFRW

“No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. “

- Ronald Reagan



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Sept 9. ... TFRW GoTV Seminar

Sept 12 ... CFRW- Meeting

Sept 19 ... Greater Houston Council Meeting

Oct 10 ... CFRW evening meeting

Oct 16 ... Greater Houston Council
Immigration Forum



NEWS AND NOTES



little tedious – but the company was great and we made the project fun by challenging ourselves to make it more efficient and therefore less tedious. We are planning another outing as a group but the time and day will have to be determined by who and when they need help. This will all be conveyed by email and hopefully we can get a larger group next time. So everyone please watch your email for info on our next Volunteer Day. Our club is represented by how much we all contribute and we want our club to be the best so lets get more motivated to give a little more time.



NEWS AND NOTES



Legislative Report



Membership:

Our September 12th lunch meeting, will be our yearly *Membership Drive*. Please invite any of your friends who you feel may enjoy the information, fellowship, and opportunities that we provide. We plan to have door prizes for our guests and we will award a prize to the member who brings the most guests. As “they” say, “The more, the merrier!”

Republican Women’s Clubs are grass roots at its finest. Be informed, be involved, **bring a friend**. 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.



Campaign Activities

As you all know by now it’s very important for us to give some of our spare time to helping candidates do all that is necessary to insure that they are elected in November. Time is growing short and there are still plenty of places where we can be helpful. On August 21st a small group of us went to work with others at Martha Wong’s campaign headquarters. We worked on a mail-out for a fundraiser coming up soon. It was very important to get this into the mail as quickly as possible, so with help from many interested Republicans this was completed in 1 day instead of the 2 they were expecting. It was a fun morning – yes it was a

We’re continuing with our Legislative Glossary. I hope these definitions are helpful. The website is <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlo/resources/glossary.htm>

DAILY HOUSE CALENDAR

A list of new bills and resolutions scheduled by the House Committee on Calendars for consideration by the house that must be distributed to the members 36 hours before the house convenes during regular sessions and 24 hours before the house convenes during special or called sessions.

DISTRICT

A geographic division of the state made on the basis of population and in accordance with conditions dictated by state law and the state constitution.

DIVISION VOTE

A vote by any method other than voice vote that will give the presiding officer an indication of the members’ preference without calling the roll. Traditional methods were show of hands, standing, or moving to opposite sides of the room.

DUPLICATE BILL

A bill that is identical to a bill filed in the same chamber.

ELECTION

The process of choosing government officials by a vote of the citizens.





Legislative Report (*cont..*)

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

Normally the last paragraph of a bill. Neither house of the legislature can suspend the constitutional rule requiring a bill to be read on three separate days if a bill does not have an emergency clause. The specific language of the emergency clause also determines whether a bill that receives a two-thirds record vote in both houses can take effect immediately after the governor signs the bill or files it without a signature.

ENACT

To pass a law.

ENACTING CLAUSE

A clause required by the Texas Constitution to precede the body of each bill. The enacting clause follows the caption and must read as follows: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:".

ENGROSSED

The stage in a bill's legislative progress when it has been passed by the chamber in which it was filed and all amendments to the bill have been incorporated into the text of the bill, which is then forwarded to the second house for consideration.

ENROLLED

The stage in a bill's legislative progress when it has been passed by both chambers of the legislature in identical form and is prepared for signature by the presiding officers of both houses. If the bill is not passed in identical form by both houses, any changes made by the opposite chamber must be accepted by the originating chamber or a conference committee report must be adopted by both chambers before the bill may be enrolled.

EX OFFICIO

A member of a governmental body who holds his or her position as the result of holding another governmental position.

FILED

The stage in a bill's legislative progress when it is given a bill number and introduced into the legislative process. Members of the house of representatives file bills with the chief clerk of the house. Senators file bills with the secretary of the senate.

FIRST READING

See [READING](#).

FISCAL NOTE

An estimate, prepared by the Legislative Budget Board, of the probable costs that will be incurred as an effect of a bill or joint resolution.

FISCAL YEAR

A 12-month period at the end of which accounts are reconciled. The fiscal year for state agencies in Texas begins on September 1 of each year and ends on August 31 of the following year.

FLOOR

A traditional term for the meeting chamber of either house.

FLOOR ACTION

Action taken by either house on a bill reported by a committee. Subject to rules adopted by the respective house, its members may propose amendments, enter debate, seek to promote or prevent a bill's passage, and vote on its final passage in that house.

FORMAL MEETING

A meeting of a house committee or subcommittee during which formal action may be taken on any measure or matter before the committee or subcommittee. Public testimony cannot be heard during a formal meeting.

GERRYMANDER

To divide a state, county, or other political subdivision into election districts in an unnatural manner to give a political party or ethnic group advantage over its opponents.





Legislative Report (*cont.*)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The lower house of the Texas Legislature, consisting of 150 members elected from districts of roughly equal population, all of whom are elected every two years for two-year terms.

IMPACT STATEMENT

An estimate, prepared by the Legislative Budget Board, of probable costs incurred when proposed legislation impacts the following areas: public retirement system, criminal justice, public school financing, higher education, open government, taxes/fees, or water development.

INTENT CALENDAR

A list of bills and resolutions for which senators have filed with the secretary of the senate written notice to suspend the regular order of business for consideration. Normally, a bill may not be brought up for consideration by the full senate unless it is listed on the Intent Calendar.

INTERIM

The period between regular legislative sessions.

INTERIM COMMITTEE

A group of legislators, appointed by the presiding officer of the house or senate when the legislature is not in session, to study a particular issue or group of issues for the purpose of making recommendations to the next legislature.

INTRODUCED

The version of a bill or resolution as it was filed in the house or the senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE

A committee composed of members from each house appointed by the respective presiding officers. Joint committees are normally created by special proclamation issued by the speaker and lieutenant governor for the purpose of studying a particular issue or group of issues when the legislature is not in session. Joint committees are rarely, if ever, created during a session, and house and senate rules do not permit bills and resolutions to be referred to a joint committee.



JOINT RESOLUTION

A type of legislative measure that requires passage by both chambers of the legislature, but does not require action by the governor. A joint resolution is used to propose amendments to the Texas Constitution, to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution, or to request a convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Before becoming effective, the provisions of joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Texas Constitution must be approved by the voters of Texas.

JOURNAL

The official publication that records the legislative proceedings of each chamber, including record vote information. The journal of each house is printed daily in pamphlet form and subsequently compiled and indexed for publication in bound volumes after the conclusion of a regular or special session of the legislature.

LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

A list of local or noncontroversial bills scheduled by the Senate Committee on Administration for consideration by the senate that must be distributed to the senators by noon of the day preceding the day the calendar is to be considered.

LOCAL, CONSENT, AND RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR

A list of local or noncontroversial bills scheduled by the House Committee on Local and Consent Calendars for consideration by the house that must be distributed to the members 48 hours before the house convenes.



As we approach the mid term elections it is helpful to remind ourselves why we are Republicans and what we believe:

We believe THAT:

the right of the individual to achieve the best that is within him, as long as he respects the rights of others, is the source of our Nation's strength.

government exists to protect the freedom of opportunity in which each individual's creative ability can flourish.

the government activities should be limited to those things which people cannot do at all, or cannot do so well for themselves.

the most effective government is government closest to the people.

those who cannot provide for themselves should be assisted by both government and society, but that every effort should be made to help them become self-supporting, productive citizens with pride in their independence.

equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity belong to all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

the preservation of our Nation and the security of our citizens depend upon the Constitution, the laws, and the courts, and that respect for them is the responsibility of every individual.

government is accountable for maintaining sound money and responsible economy. Individual rights, liberties and properties are continually eroded when citizens are oppressed by excessive taxation, inflation, government waste and over-regulation.

government is responsible for national defense and that only a strong America can remain a free America.

it is absolutely essential to maintain a strong national defense postures in order that we may at all times negotiate from a position of strength, not weakness, in our continuing efforts toward world peace and friendship.

these concepts are the foundation of our national strength and that the REPUBLICAN PARTY, which is committed to their preservation, is the party of today and the PARTY FOR THE FUTURE.



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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.

