



# *Cy-Fair Republican Women*

**NEWSLETTER**  
December 2007

## *Kay's Kolumn*



What a wonderful time of year. And, our club party was a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season. Thanks so much to Krista and Ray Steele for opening up their home to us. Thanks to the hospitality committee for all the great food. It was so much fun.

In the midst of Thanksgiving and Christmas and all the hustle and bustle I hope everyone will take time to truly enjoy the season. We all send our love and prayers to the families who are separated as one or more of them are either serving in the armed forces or are at home missing those who are . . . especially our own members and their families.

After much discussion and consideration by the general membership and the board, it has been decided that we will no longer alternate between day and evening general membership meetings. Our permanent time and location will be the Second Tuesday at 10:30 at Hearthstone Country Club with lunch following the meeting. The continuity will be beneficial to club identification and membership growth. There will of course still be special events and occasional meetings in the evenings. And, because so much of our club activities take place outside of the meetings there are still numerous ways to participate as a member. I am sincerely sorry for those who are adversely affected by this move but do hope you will consider remaining a part of the CFRW family and join again in 2008. We need and want your support in our efforts in what ever way you can participate.

The TFRW convention was just great. And so was the Campaign Management School. We have such talented members....Our very own Jan Ott and Stephanie DeHondt were presenters at the event and I congratulate them on a job well done. They were both excellent.

### **CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Dec 11, 2007... CFRW-Meeting - 6:30 PM  
at the home of Kay Waghorne
- Dec 25, 2007....MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Jan 8, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM  
Hearthstone Country Club
- Jan 15, 2008....Greater Houston Council Meeting
- Jan. 31, 2008..Greater Houston Council Fundraiser
- Feb 2 , 2008...TFRW Leadership Workshop  
San Antonio, Texas

I continue to encourage all of our members to participate in the great events that are offered by TFRW. It is a great way to meet other Texas Republican women who share our passion for good government. The next such event is the TFRW Club Leadership Workshop. It will be on Saturday, February 2 in San Antonio. Anyone interested in learning more about club committees and learning how to become a more active member is encouraged to go.

I wish everyone a blessed Christmas.

Later....Kay

*Please give a warm welcome our newest  
members:*

**LESLIE MARTONE  
AND  
FRANCES SMITH**



## DECEMBER MEETING



# TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

**Time:** 6:30 PM - Coffee/Social  
7:00 PM - Speaker/Meeting

**Place:** Home of Kay Waghorne  
14106 Blazey Drive  
Houston, Texas

### RSVP:

Krista Steele: 281-246-4894  
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Online at CFRW.net  
No later than Monday, December 10th

### OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS :

**Carolyn Girard**  
Public Relations Co-Ordinator for

### COVENANT HOUSE

**Covenant House is a Houston area shelter for homeless children between the ages of 10 and 21. Part of an inter national network founded in New York, Covenant House Texas opened its doors in Houston in 1983. The organization help kids in crisis through residential programs, community services and outreach efforts designed to keep young people off the streets.**

**If you would like to bring something to donate Covenant House welcomes all donations of new un-used toiletries**

**Please join us for an interesting and very informative presentation on Covenant House**



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# MINUTES

## CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

### November 13, 2007

President Kay Wagborne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 11:05 a.m. at Hearststone Country Club. Mary Moss read a tribute and invocation in honor of Veterans' Day, which was followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests, including Phil Owens for Charles Bacarisse, Sandy Oliver for Patricia Harless, Jill Fury (member) for Ed Emmett, Emily Klein (member) for John Culberson, Kelli Ray (member) for Gary Elkins and Paul Dwight for Donna Detamore. Several Representatives distributed campaign materials.

Kelli Ray introduced the guest speaker, Tom Moon, Assistant Administrator of Elections for Harris County, who spoke on election laws and party rules. He encouraged the audience to become active in the election process by applying to become Election Clerks and Election Judges. Handouts explained the process to apply for these positions. Four of our members signed up to pursue these positions. He showed the large volume which holds the large number of party rules that are in effect. The Election Day Polling Location Administration Manual was also distributed to the attendees. Mr. Moon explained the steps by which party platforms are determined beginning with the Precinct Convention level and eventually reaching national level. Rules that are on the books now will be enforced for the 2008 election. Any changes of the rules will be effective for the 2010 election. Kay presented Mr. Moon with one of the Peter Barnes' children's books for his signature. The book will be donated to a local library.

The minutes of the September 11, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter. The High Heels and High Tea event was held in lieu of the October meeting.

Treasurer, Dawn Shull, reported a balance in the treasury of \$8,555.44.

Kay pointed out the new United States flag and the new State of Texas flag and standards which were recently purchased by CFRW.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chair, recognized all the members of the High Heels and High Tea committee for their dedication and efforts. She reported that \$8047.85 was raised by the High Heels and High Tea. Cookbooks are still available for sale, as are the Peter Barnes' children's books and club shirts.

Kelli Ray, Membership Chair, introduced two (2) new CFRW members, Leslie Martone and Fran Smith. Revised membership forms will be available at the next general meeting on December 11, 2007.

Newsletter Editor, Rita Parrish, reported that the deadline for the December newsletter is November 30, 2007.

Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chair, asked that all attendees of the TFRW Convention report their volunteer hours, including travel time, to her. Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale (District 130) is asking for campaign volunteers for the November 17, 2007 Tomball Holiday Parade and for the December 1, 2007 BlockWalk. Kay presented each of the ten (10) TFRW Convention attendees with a recognition pin.

Legislative Chair, Millie Alford, reported the October newsletter article focused on the problem of family violence. She requested ideas and topics for future articles from the membership.

Awards Chair, Jan Ott, announced that CFRW was recently awarded Second Place for "Caring for America" and the Gold Award (2005-2007) by the NFRW. The TFRW awarded the John Goodwin Tower to CFRW at the recent Convention.

Publicity Chair, Mary Atchison, reported the good exposure CFRW received in the press after the High Heels and High Tea event.

Emily Klein, Historian, asked members to contribute photos for the 2007 scrapbook to be presented to Kay.

Jan Ott, Bylaws Chair, reminded members that the proposed amendments to the CFRW Bylaws were published in the October newsletter. They will be voted on at the December 11, 2007 meeting. The TFRW has approved the current proposed amendments.

#### Old Business:

- The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, November 30, 2007 in the home of Krista and Ray Steele. Cost is \$5 per person. Invitations, map, and reservation form were distributed. Members will find the invitation on the Web site at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net). RSVP deadline is Wed., November 21, 2007.
- The new registration and payment feature on the Web site was enthusiastically received.
- A discussion was held regarding the determination of times of general meetings for 2008, as printed in the November newsletter. A show of hands indicated overwhelming support of daytime meetings. There would, however, be several CFRW events which will be scheduled in the evening. The Executive Board will make a final decision on the matter and an announcement on this issue will be forthcoming.

#### New Business:

- Kelli Ray volunteered to attend the General Council Meeting on Tues., November 20, 2007 in Jan Ott's absence.
- Jan also had Corbin Van Arsdale bumper stickers for anyone who wished to have one.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**Betty Guthrie**  
**CFRW: Secretary**





## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



Hats off to our awesome CFRW members who volunteered more than 1400 hours during the month's of October, November and December !! Our members worked hard on various activities such as Campaign Management School, the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention in El Paso, The High Heels and High Tea fundraiser, put together our own CFRW cookbook and registered more than 100 voters in Houston. In addition, many members volunteered for Texas State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale putting together signs, marching for Mr. Van Arsdale during the Tomball Holiday Parade and also walked in the Corbin Van Arsdale City Block Walk in Tomball. What an impressive and hardworking bunch we are!

As 2008 rolls in it's time to start thinking about your own personal goals and how they might fit into CFRW. Volunteering for your country is an awesome privilege and a wonderful learning experience. Whether your goals are to work on a local, state or national level it will most certainly prove to be a rewarding year. Please check this column regularly for volunteering opportunities within CFRW and be a part of the political system of our great country. All volunteer hours are turned in to the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) at the end of each quarter and an award is given at the end of the year. If there are any hours you haven't yet turned in, please email me so I can tally the totals and turn them in. 2008 is going to be very exciting for all of us! See you at the meetings and beyond! Pam Waldren [geopamw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geopamw@sbcglobal.net)



## AWARDS - Jan Ott



**Awards! Awards!**

**Cy-Fair Republican Women's club is an Award Winning Club!**

Because of the hard work and active participation of all of the CFRW club members, the club received some very high honors at the recent conventions. At the national convention we were honored to receive both the Caring for America Award and the National Federation of Republican Women's Gold Award. At the recent TFRW convention, the club received the John Goodwin Tower award. All of these awards are for the last two year time frame.

The awards program provides an excellent set of guidelines and goals to help make the club more interesting and productive and ultimately more successful. The Caring for America award recognizes clubs for their involvement and caring within the community. Some of the things included in this award are our dictionary project, contribution of books to libraries including the Peter Barnes' books that we contribute in recognition for our speakers, our support for Operation Interdependence, support for the Western White House Easter Egg Roll and organizing a candidate forum for the community.

The NFRW Achievement Award and the TFRW John Goodwin Tower Award are awarded on the basis of a point system. Points are earned in a variety of categories including club function, membership development, programs, campaign activities, and community relations and service. Some items are mandatory and others are bonus points.

The Gold NFRW Award has four possible levels with Gold being second highest. For the TFRW award we had 815 points out of a possible 870, including 450 required points.

A few of the items included in the awards are maintaining and increasing membership, having issue programs, literacy program participation, sending out a regular informative newsletter, having chairmen of a variety of standing committees, meeting with elected officials, voter registration drives, volunteering on campaigns, supporting our troops, and participating in conventions. By being a member and paying your dues on time every single member participates in the club receiving these awards. Congratulations to each and every CFRW club member!





## LEGISLATIVE - Millie Alford



As the year comes to a close, we'll take a look at "Who Represents US" and the access information to the bills our representatives have presented this year with a focus on our TEXAS Reps. The number prohibits us from listing all of them but if you'd like to see all of them, you can access the website listed next to their names. A detailed description is given for each bill and the actions taken. If you would like to know about a specific bill, or the work of a particular representative, please let me know and I will be glad to research the information for you. It is obvious that we have many elected officials working for our welfare. Happy Holidays!

Accomplishments of the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/resources/accomplishments80th.pdf>

FYI: Capitol Switchboard 512-463-4630

Texas Legislature Online: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

To inquire about your representatives: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>

To look up a bill: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Billnumber.aspx>

For the telephone and addresses of the representatives, access

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/address.aspx?DistrictType=ALL&Address1=&City=&Zipcode=77041&Search=Submit>

Who Represents Us?

(This information was accessed through Zip codes, 77041, 77095, 77025, 77429)

**Texas US Senators: Senator John Cornyn—Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison**

**Congressional District 7**

**Congressman John Culberson**

**Congressional District 9**

**Congressman Al Green**

**Congressional District 10**

**Congressman Michael T. McCaul**

**Congressional District 18**

**Congressman Sheila Jackson Lee**

**Texas State Senators**

Senate District 7

**Senator Dan Patrick**

**105 Bills, Authored/Joint-Authored/Sponsored** <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&code=A1430>

Senate District 13

**Senator Rodney Ellis**

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist13/dist13.htm>

Senate District 17

**Senator Kyle Janek**

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist17/dist17.htm#Committee>

**Texas State Representatives**

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Members/Members.aspx?Chamber=H>

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/bills/welcome.php> Bill Search by Author

**House District 130**

**Representative Corbin Van Arsdale**

Number of Bills: 47 <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&Code=A4700>

**House District 132**

**Representative William A. 'Bill' Callegari**

Number of Bills: 102

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&Code=A2295>

**House District 134**

**Representative Ellen Cohen**

Number of Bills: 20

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&Code=A2425>

**House District 135**

**Representative Gary Elkins**

Number of Bills: 22

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&Code=A2785>

**House District 138**

**Representative Dwayne Bohac**

Number of Bills: 95

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&Code=A2230>

**House District 146**

**Representative Borris L. Miles**

Number of Bills: 38

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=80R&Code=A3825>





## WHAT IS NFRW? - Jan Ott



### What is NFRW? TFRW? GHC?

What do all of those letters mean? Cy-Fair Republican Women is part of an organization of approximately 2,600 clubs with 140,000 members affiliated across the nation. NFRW, the National Federation of Republican Women, is now organized in all 50 states and was founded at a conference held at the Palmer House in Chicago, September 23-24, 1938. The organization originally was known as the National Federation of Women's Republican Clubs of America (NFWRC). The name was changed in January 1953, to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). At the time of organization in 1938, clubs with 95,000 members had applied for affiliation. Besides many of the same goals that we have as an individual club, NFRW disseminates information to all state federations and local clubs. NFRW maintains an office in Washington D.C. and you can check out more information on their website at [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org).

NFRW has a biennial convention where each club has one voting delegate. These delegates elect the officers and participate in other important decisions pertaining to the organization. The executive committee includes these elected officers, standing committee chairmen and each state president. A portion of your dues goes to the National Federation.

TFRW is the second largest state organization. Seventeen years after the formation of the National Federation of Republican Women, the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Clubs was organized. Individual Republican women's clubs had been in existence in Texas prior to the organization of the National Federation, but it was not until 1955 that clubs existed in 75% of the state's congressional districts (the requirement for federation of a state organization.) In October of 1955, more than 300 delegates met in the White Plaza Hotel in San Antonio for an organizational convention. TFRW lists their purpose as follows: 1. Provide strength and unity for political action within the Republican Party in Texas 2. Actively support Republican candidates 3. Encourage Republican women to run for office 4. Plan local and statewide meetings to broaden and unify the interest and education of its members. 5. Train women to become effective Republican Party workers 6. Inform our members and the electorate through political education 7. Cooperate with the party organization by undertaking special assignments and campaign projects 8. Offer a source of year-round service by Republican Women volunteers 9. Publish TFRW quarterly publication and other political action materials 10. Improve the quality of life in cities across Texas through community service projects. Voting members of the TFRW board include the elected officers, standing committee chairmen, and district directors. Elections are held at the biennial TFRW convention with each club having one delegate for each 10 regular members of their club. TFRW's website is [www.TFRW.org](http://www.TFRW.org). A portion of your club dues also goes to TFRW.

GHC, or Greater Houston Council Federation of Republican Women Pac ([www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org)), is an umbrella organization for 39 Republican Women's Clubs in Southeast Texas - from Matagorda County to Chambers County, from Galveston to Montgomery County. The mission of the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is to promote political education in order to increase the effectiveness of Republican Women in the cause of good government. In addition, the Council strives to coordinate activities of the various clubs to achieve the maximum efforts of Republican Women throughout the region to elect Republican candidates. Our club has two voting delegates for GHC. The council has general meetings every other month. All members are welcome to attend.

CFRW, being a federated club and participating in all of these levels of the organization, is part of a very powerful and influential part of our government.



## BY-LAWS - Jan Ott



### By - Laws

There are proposed by-law changes that we will be voting on at the December meeting. The proposed by-law changes were published in the November newsletter to satisfy a 30 day advance notice requirement. These can be voted on as is or we can have proposed amendments from the floor. Please review these before the meeting when we will discuss these proposed changes and vote on them. Your involvement and review is always appreciated.





## COMMUNITY SERVICE - Cheryl Mills



**Support Our Troops \* \* \* \* We will be supporting the Military by sending cards to those we have addresses for. If you know of anyone with a loved one serving our country, please give me their address at the next meeting, and we can send cards their way each month. Some members have mentioned collecting items to send to Operation Interdependence, so if you would like to contribute any of the following items, please bring them to our December meeting. Thank you for your Support...**

Beef Jerky\* · Cameras (disposable) · Camper style foods\* · Candy\* · CDs (Blank or Music) · Chapstick\* · Crackers\* (PNB, Cheese, etc.) · Dental floss\* · Dried Fruit\* · Facial Tissues · Fast food Condiment packets\* · Flashlights · Foot Powder (travel size) · Girl Scout cookies\* · Gum\*

Hand Sanitizer (travel size) · Holiday Specific Greeting Cards · Moist Wipes · Nerf toys (very small footballs, etc.) · Nuts/Seeds\* · Odor Eaters (for boots) · Pencils/Pens · Personal messages · Phone cards · Playing cards · Powdered drink mix\* (non-alcoholic) · Razors · Sardines\* · Sheets of stationery

Snacks\* (cookies, granola bars, etc.) · Tea Bags and Coffee Packets\* · Toiletries (travel sizes) · Toothbrushes · Toothpaste\* (travel size) · Trail Mix\* · Travel games · Travel mugs · Tuna snack kits\* · Vienna Sausages\*

Please note that all food items (denoted with an \*) must be manufactured sealed. Items that are determined unacceptable by the inspectors will be discarded.

### Cheryl Mills



## WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



### *Life of the Party Cookbooks*

The cookbooks are in and boy do they look GREAT! Buy one for yourself and give them as gifts. They are a great addition to any cook's library. Books will be available for purchase at the December meeting at the **HH&HT** price of \$20.

*If any of you have any suggestions on how or where we can sell some of our cookbooks, I really would appreciate the advice.*

### **Peter Barnes Books**

We have re-ordered these wonderful children's books, so we have plenty of each title. These make great gifts for the kids in your lives - children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Or make a donation to a school or church library. What a fun way to educate our children about this great nation and how our system works.

Autographed books are \$18 each. Or get all five autographed titles for \$90.

I'll have them at the December meeting for any last minute gifts that you may need.

That's it for this time -

Mary



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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.

