



Cy-Fair Republican Women

*NEWSLETTER
April 2007*

Kay's Kolumn

Spring is here and Cy-Fair Republican Women are as busy as the bees.



At this time of year we are digging through items packed away and considering things that we want to keep. We are thinking about things we want to replace and preparing our homes and our yards and our spirits for renewal. We are also in the spring time of the political process. It is time to prepare for the primary season. It is time for us to consider and to begin cultivating our Republican candidates.

What qualities and agendas and issues are important to you? Which Republican Leaders do you want to see go? Who do you want to see replace them? Which Republican Leaders do you think have represented you well. The Primary Elections are the time to make your Republican Party what you want it to be. And now is the time to begin raking the leaves and building the beds.

The Primary is the time that we do our party vetting. And that may well come as early as 11 months from now. The candidates that we send to the General Election in 2008 will be the ones we have either let get in or worked to get in. We need to begin the process of identifying issues and considering Republican candidates to support. We have two wonderful US Senators. One of them, Senator Cornyn is up for re-election and we must do all we can do to keep him in there fighting for our wonderful state. But there are also local and state elections to work on, some key races that may not even be within our district. But they are important races none the less and we can do a lot to support those candidates too.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- April 10..... CFRW-Meeting - 6:45 PM
Prime Time Steak House
9275 West FM1960 @ Perry Rd
- April 20....Greater Houston Council Meeting
- May 8.....CFRW-Meeting - 10:30 AM

As Republican Women and members of such influential groups as the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) we have all the gardening tools we need to spruce up our government.

And the greatest tool of all is Cy-Fair Republican Women. It has afforded us the opportunity to meet elected officials and hear from candidates and discover how they feel and what they have done or would do if given our vote.

And most importantly, at least to me, is that we are developing friendships with women who care as passionately about the political process as we do. Even those who do not agree with us on a particular issue bring us insight. They help us make better decisions.

I feel that I can make a difference. And when I realize that I do make a difference.... Well...it just does not get any better than that.

Welcome everyone to our garden... Let's tend it well so we can reap the rewards of a Republican Majority still... and once again.

Later, Kay



APRIL MEETING



**TUESDAY
APRIL 10**

Time: 6:45 pm Coffee/Social - 7:15 pm Meeting/Speaker

Place: PERRY'S STEAKHOUSE
9275 West FM 1960 @ Perry Road

RSVP:

Krista Steele: 281-246-4894
Ksteele@entouch.net
No later than Monday, April 9

GUEST SPEAKER JUDGE ED EMMETT

Edward M. Emmett was unanimously appointed County Judge by Harris County Commissioners Court upon the resignation of former Judge Robert Eckels. A member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, Emmett served East Harris County, from Kingwood to Baytown. He was chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the State of Texas on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy. We consider it a privilege to have Judge Emmett at our next meeting. Please join us in learning more about him and his future plans for Harris County.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST
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FRANCES WARREN



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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING March 13, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the general meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women to order at 11:00 a.m. at Romero's Las Brazas restaurant. Twelve members, six visitors and a guest speaker were in attendance. Rita Parrish gave an inspirational reading followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay invited the visitors to introduce themselves.

In Stephanie DeHondt's absence, Jan Ott introduced our guest speaker, Jay Guerrero, Regional Director – Southeast Texas for Senator John Cornyn. Mr. Guerrero, who has 25 counties within his state region, gave a summary of his responsibilities and an update on the activities of Sen. Cornyn. Sen. Cornyn serves on the following committees: Armed Forces, Judiciary, Budget and is Vice Chair of the Senate's Ethics Committee. Mr. Guerrero stressed that Sen. Cornyn's position on the Iraqi war was that the war must be won, failure to win the war was not an option, and that US pullout of troops should not occur until the region is stable. Sen. Cornyn also supports the effort to approach the immigration problem in appropriate stages. Mr. Guerrero emphasized the need to regain seats lost to Democrats in the most recent election. In honor of our guest speaker a Peter Barnes' book will be donated to a local school library.

The minutes of the February 13, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed.

Dawn Shull, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4982.86 in the club's treasury. The report was approved as read.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, reported the High Heels and High Tea fundraiser will be held on a Monday or Friday in October 2007. Suggestions for venues should be given to Rita Parrish. Members were asked to donate items for the Silent Auction. No corporate donations can be accepted. Various types of cookbooks were on display and recipe entry forms were made available. These can also be obtained on the club's web site. Letters will be sent to elected Republican officials asking for recipe contributions as well. She is hoping the cookbooks will be ready in time for the High Heels and High Tea fundraiser. Mary also has a supply of Peter Barnes' children's books for purchase.

Rita Parrish, Newsletter Chair, asked that anyone who has not been receiving the newsletter contact her. A copy of the newsletter can be obtained on the web site.

Reporting for Dawn Fobbs, Membership Chair, Mary Moss stated that membership information can be found on the web site as well as in the newsletter.

Campaign Activities Chair, Julie Sweidel, announced a March 17, 2007 luncheon will be held for Diane Holland, mayoral candidate, in Tomball, TX, at Main Street Crossing. She also handed out forms on which members should record volunteer hours and a page explaining the policy for counting campaign hours. Jan Ott suggested that members help with the campaign of Roy Morales who is running for At-Large position on Houston City Council. She also suggested inviting Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, who recently replaced retiring Judge Robert Eckels, to be a speaker at a future event.

Millie Alford, Legislative Chair, said she will e-mail election laws information to members.

Awards Chair, Jan Ott, announced that CFRW placed second for most increased membership for small groups in Texas. The club was presented with a \$500 check. The award was sponsored by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. She briefly explained the awards program and how it helps groups to set and achieve worthy goals.

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Emily Klein, Historian, asked for photos from 2006 events, the “Nuts and Bolts” Seminar and Legislative Day in Austin. They may appear on the web site and in the scrapbook.

Old Business:

- The Executive Board having reviewed the results of the membership survey decided to maintain meeting times as has been in the past. Meetings will alternate monthly between mornings and evenings on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Mary Moss announced that the club shirts will be ordered and payment is due at the time of distribution.

New Business:

- Announcement of upcoming events:
 1. March 20 – Greater Houston Council Meeting downtown.
 2. March 17 – Luncheon for Tomball mayoral candidate, Diane Holland
 3. April 7 – Western White House Easter Egg Roll (2nd annual) in Crawford, TX for families of military.

Dawn Shull moved that the club send a \$50 donation to help support the Western White House Easter Egg Roll. Seconded by Mary Moss, the motion passed.

Author Peter Barnes is publishing a new children’s book on Republican women.

It was suggested that a maximum limit be determined on funds the Board could allocate without approval of the general membership. This would eliminate the need to require membership approval for each expenditure. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

It was suggested that the club join the local Chamber of Commerce for \$300 annually. This would help raise community awareness of CFRW’s existence and activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. followed by a delicious lunch.

Betty Guthrie

CFRW: Secretary



NEWS AND NOTES



Campaign Activities:

While it is a relatively quiet time for campaign activities, there are local races in the upcoming May 12th Special Election that offer opportunities for our support. **Roy Morales** is seeking the Houston City Council At-Large Position 3 seat. **Diane Holland** is running for mayor of Tomball. Please continue to check the website periodically for up-to-the-minute information about appearances and contact information.

We will be collecting volunteer hours at the next meeting for the first quarter of 2007. If you are not able to attend, please forward the information via email or fax. You can print a form from the website or pick one up at the meeting. Your efforts are so important to the candidates and to our goals as a club. Let’s make sure those hours are counted!





Ways and Means:

High Heels & High Tea II

We're off and running with our major fund raiser for the year.

We have booked **Lyndsay Lakes** for **Friday, October 12, 2007**. Lyndsay Lakes is on Muesche Road, just 2.4 miles off Hwy 290. It's a new banquet/special events facility that's very new and easy to get to. See the included flyer.

There are a few things that I need all of you to be working on. We will need **Blind Auction items**. If anyone has access to time-shares, vacation homes for the weekend, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia, autographed books, craft items, jewelry, spa treatments, or the like, please think about donating them to our auction. We are looking for items that are at least a \$50 value. We are looking for nice, new items, but collectables are ok too.

We will also need help locating **Vendors** who would like to set up a table at the event advertising their business. The types of vendors we had last year were jewelry, Pampered Chef, Southern Living, florists, speciality desserts, scrapbooks, and skin care. For a \$50 fee and a \$50 valued auction item we will provide a space at the event for them to show off their product or service. **REMEMBER**, since we are a PAC, these donations/vendors cannot be from corporations - only from individuals, partnerships or sole proprietors.

We can always use more help. If you can help out in any of these areas, please let me know.

- Venue/Menu - help locate the place for the event and choose the menu
- Fashion Show - help select the vendor(s) that will supply the clothes and accessories
- Blind Auction/Vendor tables - round up and set up the Blind Auction items and Vendor tables
- Decorations - think up/create table decorations, etc.
- Publicity - get the word out
- Printing - design the invitations, fliers, etc.

If you can help out in any capacity - either large or small - please contact me, Mary Moss, 281-550-9415 or moss311@sbcglobal.net. More people on the committee means we can spread the work out so that it is not a big problem for just a few.

Peter Barnes - children's books - \$18 each - 5 different titles available

We still have several of these cleverly illustrated children's books that explain how our American government works - from the president to the congress to the supreme court. These are great gifts for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, school teachers, or even gifts in your name to local schools or libraries.

CFRW Cook Book

Don't forget about the proposed Cook Book project. Be thinking of those special recipes that you can submit. The dead line for recipe submission will be June 1, 2007. The form to use is included in this newsletter and on our web site. Please submitted at least one recipe for each category!

If you'd like to help, let me know, **Mary Moss - 281-550-9415 - moss311@sbcglobal.net**

That's it for this time.

..... Mary





April Legislative Report - Millie Alford

This month, several members contacted me with issues of concern. I have listed them in this report, along with the information. I hope the information will be helpful, although some of it is incomplete. The first section includes information that is near to my heart, as our daughter was diagnosed with MS three years ago. I received this notification today (3-30-07) and you can be assured that I will be making some **Thank You phone calls**. Our situation is such that we do not depend on Medicare; however, each time the ADA and issues which surround it are brought into the limelight, the quality of life improves for all those who have disabilities.

MS Action Network

HCR 35 PASSES HOUSE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Great news! House Concurrent Resolution 35 (HCR 35) calling for an end to the Medicare 24 Month Waiting period passed the House Public Health Committee unanimously this morning! MS activists played a big role in making this happen. Our activists called their Representatives on the committee prior to the public hearing for the resolution. Theresa Smith, an activist from Nacogdoches, came to Austin to testify before the committee. She told committee members about her devastating experience waiting for her Medicare health benefits. Finally, our activist who lives in the committee Chair's district (Rep. Dianne White Delisi) made calls to her office after the hearing as a final encouragement to bring the resolution back for a vote and to ask for her support. Never doubt that your calls, letters and e-mails make a difference!

Action Requested

If your Representative is on the House Public Health Committee, please take a moment of your time today to call and thank them for their support. One of the most important advocacy actions you can take is a sincere thank you to a member when they have voted in our favor! Below are the committee members names and phone numbers.

House Public Health Committee Members:

Rep. Dianne White Delisi (512) 463-0630 Rep. Jodie Laubenberg (512) 463-0186

Rep. Jim Jackson (512) 463-0468 Rep. Ellen Cohen (512) 463-0389 Rep. Garnet Coleman (512) 463-0524 Rep. Veronica Gonzales (512) 463-0578 Rep. Susan King (512) 463-0718 Rep. Dora Olivo (512) 463-0494 Rep. Vicki Truitt (512) 463-0694

If you are not aware of who represents you please visit: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> and complete the "Who Represents Me" section.

Issues of Concern from Members:

"Have you heard anything about HB 1185? It's described on one blog (<http://redinktxas.blogspot.com/2007/03/hb-1185-shell-game-played-with-taxpayer.html#links>) as a shell game played with taxpayer money.

This bill would allow colleges and universities in the State of Texas to sell off facilities, bought and paid for by taxpayer monies to private real estate investment trusts (REIT) that would in turn lease those facilities BACK to the college/university. In this manner, the colleges get an up front payment, but then they are on the hook to pay rent in perpetuity for use of facilities that You and I paid for. This will be a net loss in revenue for the colleges because they must pay whatever rent that the REIT decides they must pay. Additionally, I suspect that many of the board of trustees will find ways to be a part of those REITs, thereby ensuring a perpetual income stream for themselves.

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Taking a publicly built road and selling it to a toll road operator is wrong, and this is doing the exact same thing to our colleges and universities. They will be charging a toll on the use of those facilities that the public bought and paid for. [Make sure you write your State Senators and Representatives](#) and make sure this bill does not see the light of day. posted by Rorschach”

Regarding HB 1185: I could not find any information on this bill. I am still searching, but when I entered this number into the system, it gave me no information....The website used is <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=793&ID=housefiled> I read the information on the current bills, and did not find this one. I will continue to look for it and include the information in my next report. If anyone knows about this bill, please share.

FYI: A list of the hearings on Higher Education can be accessed on <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Committees/MeetingsUpcoming.aspx?Chamber=H>

“Regarding the May 12 Election.... specifically, find out where our members can go to find out information about their specific polling places.”

Harris County-713-755-6965 www.harrisvotes.com (The list is inclusive, so if you are not sure where you vote, please log onto this site.)

<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/elect2005/3445283.html>

Access this website for all Texas County polling locations.

General Information:

May 12, 2007 - Uniform Election Date Authority conducting elections*Most local political subdivisions**First Day to file for Place on Ballot February 10, 2007**Last Day to file for place on Ballot March 12, 2007. **Local political subdivisions:** county local propositions, cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government that conducts elections. The majority of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date. **Filing deadlines. Generally, the filing deadline is the 62nd day prior to election day (70th day prior to November General); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code. Local political subdivisions, other than cities or school districts, might not have a “first day” to file. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary, but the deadline is usually on the 5th day after the regular filing deadline for the election*****Good Friday**. If the county is not regularly open for business on this day, then the county is not required to conduct early voting.

Proposition regarding property taxes:

Explanatory Statement for the Proposed May 2007 Constitutional Amendment

PROPOSITION 1(SJR-13)SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years.”



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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Cypress, TX 77429

Important links:

<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<http://thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

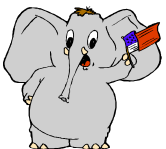
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.





RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations: pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

DIRECTIONS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, AND PLACE ONLY ONE RECIPE PER FORM.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can.
- Keep directions in paragraph form – not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Anything not part of the recipe (ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size or recipe title) will not be included unless you select Recipe Notes for an extra charge.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Your recipes should fit into the following categories:

- Appetizers & Beverages**
- Soups & Salads**
- Vegetables & Side Dishes**
- Main Dishes**
- Breads & Rolls**
- Desserts**
- Cookies & Candy**
- This & That**

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from members of our community. Our cookbook will be beautifully illustrated and bound and is sure to be treasured for years.

We would like you to submit 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our memorable collection. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes.

Each cookbook will contain helpful cooking hints, recipe category dividers, a table of contents, an index, and special pages of interest to our community. The cookbook will be typeset in an easy-to-read format and professionally printed and bound.

Proceeds from our cookbook sales will help fund future projects sponsored by our organization. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain we order enough. You can reserve one or more copies for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

P.S. Please submit your recipes to the committee ~~with~~ *Next Meeting* so they can be turned over to the publisher. Thank you!

Please add any "NOTES" to back.