



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
May 2007

Kay's Kolumn



I hope that everyone had a great spring break and a blessed Easter. At this writing our hearts go out to the family, friends, students and faculty at the tragic event at Virginia Tech. It is so sad to see the senseless loss of lives. Our prayers are with them all. This should strengthen our resolve to work hard for solutions to our country's waning civility.

On a more positive note... we had a great meeting last month with Harris County Judge Ed Emmett as our speaker. We had a great opportunity to learn about not only the responsibilities of the position, but we were able to hear from him what his vision and goals are for addressing the growth and needs of Harris County. He took time to answer some questions and stayed to visit with members individually.

Our speaker in May will be the President of Texas Federation of Republican Women, 'Borah Van Dormolen. If you have not heard her speak you are in for a treat and I encourage everyone to come and hear her... and bring your Republican women-friends with you. Those of us who have had the opportunity to hear her, look forward to her visit.

As an added event that day we will have Pat Downing, Community Relations for Paul Bettencourt - Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector. She will be with us to deputize those members wishing to become Voter Registrars. This will prepare our members to move forward with planned voter registration drives. One of the major roles that Republican Women play is that of "recruiter" of educated voters and then to

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 8..... CFRW-Meeting - 10:30 AM
Hearthstone Country Club

May 15.....Greater Houston Council Meeting

June 12.....CFRW-Meeting - 6:45 PM

June 22-24...RNC Women's Leadership
Conference in Fort Worth

get them to the polls. We hope that everyone will want to participate. Her presentation will immediately follow lunch and all are encouraged to stay.

We have several chairmanship positions that are still vacant. Active participation in the club through involvement of committee work allows you to fully enjoy all the benefit of belonging to a Republican Women's club. You will become an integral part of its leadership and therefore help to make our club part of who you are. We need someone to handle Registration at our meetings. We need someone to be our Chaplain. She will give our invocation and lead us in our pledges at each meeting. And finally we need someone who will serve as our Community Service chairman by organizing our service projects. Please consider chairing one of these committees.

Don't forget the RNC (Republican National Committee) Women's Leadership Conference in Fort Worth June 22-23. The deadline for registration is May 24.

I look forward to seeing everyone in May.

Later, Kay



MAY MEETING



TUESDAY MAY 8

Time: 10:30 AM Coffee/Social - 11:00 Meeting/Speaker

Place: Hearthstone Country Club
7615 Ameswood Road, Houston, TX

Lunch Following
\$15 per person with lunch
\$3 per person without lunch
“cash preferred”

RSVP:

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FEATURING: BORAH VAN DORMOLEN

Borah will speak to us about the Federation Structure.

You will not want to miss this meeting! We are very fortunate to have 'Borah Van Dormolen, the President of TFRW, as our speaker this month. 'Borah is a very entertaining speaker, a motivating force in getting more women involved in grassroots politics, and has quite an impressive background.

'Borah retired from the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel after 23 years of military service having served in various faculty, staff, and command positions in both the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States, concluding her service as the Assistant Chief of Staff Material, 13th Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas. She holds a B.S. degree In Health & Physical Education and M.S. degree in Physical Education.

'Borah's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Upon retirement from the military, 'Borah became actively involved with many volunteer organizations. Fortunately, for us that includes the Texas Federation of Republican Women, the second largest federation in the country. She and her husband, Lt. Col. (ret.) Richard G. Castle reside in Salado, Texas and is traveling here to Houston just to be with us.

Also at this same meeting our second guest:

Pat Downing, Representative from **Paul Bettencourt's** office will be at a post-lunch presentation and will deputize our members to be Volunteer Voter Registrars. Please plan to stay for lunch and join us as we get prepared for our Voter Registration drives. **Please bring your voter's registration card.**



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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING April 10, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the general meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women to order at 7:16 p.m. at Prime Time Steak House. Refreshments and a cash bar were available. Dawn Shull gave the invocation followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests.

Stephanie DeHondt introduced the guest speaker, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, who recently replaced retired Judge Robert Eckels. Judge Emmett spoke about his role and areas of responsibilities including transportation and mobility, homeland security, health care, criminal justice, economic growth and taxation issues as he presides over Commissioner Courts. The audience appreciated his informative presentation. A Peter Barnes' children's book which he signed will be placed in a school library to honor him as the night's speaker.

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

Dawn Shull, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$5029.92 in the club's treasury. The report was accepted.

Stephanie DeHondt, Program Chair, announced that the speaker for the May 8, 2007 general meeting will be 'Borah Van Dormolen, President of the TFRW, at Hearthstone Country Club at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, reported the High Tea and High Heels fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 12, 2007, at Lindsay Lakes on Mueschke Road off Rt. 290. Donated items are needed for the Blind Auction. The CFRW denim shirts were available tonight for \$30 to those who had placed an order. Mary announced that the deadline for recipes to be submitted for the club's cookbook fundraiser project is June 1, 2007. Recipe forms were made available at the meeting and can be found on the website.

Julie Sweidel, Campaign Activities Chair, is arranging to have Pat Downing present a class to those interested in becoming deputized to register new voters.

Millie Alford, Legislative Chair, asked members to submit questions and topics of interest for her to research and publish in future newsletters.

Old Business:

- The Executive Board recommended that a maximum limit be determined on funds the Board could allocate for an expenditure without approval of the general membership. Mary Moss moved that a limit of \$300 be established for this purpose. Seconded by Maureen Young. The motion passed.

New Business:

There being no new business Rita Parrish moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Millie Alford. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Betty Guthrie
CFRW: Secretary





Texas MS Action Network80th Legislature Session Update

The 80th Legislature session does not conclude until May 28th but now is the busiest time during the session. The following brief descriptions of pending bills are updates presented by the MS Action Network. They pertain not only to persons with serious illnesses, but also the elderly, low-income, and caregivers. If anyone needs more information on one of these issues, you may access the website. If you are unable to connect, please contact me and I'll be glad to research it for you.

Caregiver Respite Program

(relating to temporary relief for family caregivers)

House Bill 2856 - Sponsor: Representative John Davis (Houston)

Senate Bill 1865 - Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (San Antonio)

<http://txadvocacy.nationalmssociety.org/site/R?i=S6JzKMt4U6c0Aem7O5P2xw>

Support for Employed Family Caregivers

(relating to using existing paid sick leave for a family member)

House Bill 3037 - Sponsor: Representative Patrick Rose (Dripping Springs)

Senate Bill 996 - Sponsor: Senator Kirk Watson (Austin)

<http://txadvocacy.nationalmssociety.org/site/R?i=umfqzmMQjsmg6SIZlfVIZA>

Assistance for Low-Income Utility Customers

(relating to utility assistance for Texans with low incomes, serious illness, and elderly customers)

House Bill 551 - Sponsor: Representative Sylvester Turner (Houston)

<http://txadvocacy.nationalmssociety.org/site/R?i=MymwGTm-1joJdLqJEac8WQ>

Medicare 24-Month Waiting Period

(relating to ending the 2-year waiting period for Medicare health benefits for people with serious illness and disability)

House Concurrent Resolution 35 - Sponsor: Representative Eddie Rodriguez (Austin)

<http://txadvocacy.nationalmssociety.org/site/R?i=L2omXiafKyVNf4Gea1PYbg>

Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool (THIRP)

(relating to reducing costs for the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool)

<http://txadvocacy.nationalmssociety.org/site/R?i=6xkze4OP62LoN3GCqc3rKQ>

Just a reminder about the polls information: **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/disp/story.mpl/elect2005/3445283.html>

Access this website for all Texas County polling locations.

The Texas Legislative Council provides maps of redistricting plans and current districts of the Texas House of Representatives, Texas Senate, Texas delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, and State Board of Education.

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election precincts, VTDs, and other geography associated with redistricting are also available. Certain standard maps may be requested from the council's document distribution office; all standard and custom maps may be requested through the council's redistricting support services center.

FYI: Learning about bills...

The following information is available by accessing the website <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/MnuLegislation.aspx>

Bill Lookup

View the status of bills from the 71st Regular Session (1991) to present. Information available includes bill history with actions, amendments, companions, and text of bill.

Reports

View reports representing bills authored, bills sponsored, bills reported to committee, bills by subject, today's legislative activity, general legislature and non-legislature activity.

Vote Information

Beginning with the 79th Regular Session (2005), vote information is accessible by linking from vote actions to the corresponding page in the daily journal.

File Downloads

Download specific documents as an alternative to viewing them through a web browser.

The Senate Research Center also holds a wealth of information. By accessing the website, <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/SRC/BA.htm> you will learn about a bill analysis in the Senate.

A bill analysis is a summary of a bill written in layman's terms. According to the Senate Rules, in order for a piece of legislation to be heard on the Senate floor, a bill must be accompanied by, among other items, a bill analysis (Senate Rule 7.12(b)(10)).

A bill analysis is composed of three sections: Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent; Rulemaking Authority; and Section-by-Section Analysis. If the bill is amended in committee, a fourth section, entitled List of Committee Amendments, will be added to the BA.

- **Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent:** This section contains three segments: a statement of current law, the problem which initiated the legislation, and how the bill changes the law to solve the problem.
- **Rulemaking Authority:** This section explains which state-level governmental entity has been given the authority to make rules, on what subject, in which section of bill, and in which section or article of the law it will appear.
- **Section-by-Section:** This is a summary of proposed changes to each section or article of the law. These are broken up into sections in a bill, and analyzed accordingly. If the bill is substituted in committee, the Section-by-Section Analysis is updated to reflect the changes made by the substitute.
- **List of Committee Amendments:** In this section, amendments made in committee are reproduced in their entirety.





Please mark your calendar for our May 8th General Meeting. You don't want to miss this one! Not only will we be treated to a very special and informative speech by our own **TFRW President, 'Borah Van Dormolen**, we also have the opportunity to attend a class led by **Pat Downing** following lunch. She is with the Community Relations division of **Paul Bettencourt's** office. Upon completion of her program, you will be deputized as a **Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar**. We are encouraging everyone available to take advantage of this opportunity to be deputized so that we will be able to fulfill one of our club's goals for this year which is to host a Voter Registration Drive here in the Cy-Fair area.

We will be posting information on the website regarding volunteer opportunities from our local Republican candidates for the upcoming May 12th Special Elections. Please continue to check in regularly and keep track of those hours spent. You can also find our volunteer hour policy and form for reporting hours on the website. If you ever have any questions, call or email me and I'll be glad to help: Julie Sweidel, Campaign Activities, 281 704-9083, jsweidel@netscape.net.

"Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own. Nobody uses somebody else's resources as carefully as he uses his own. So if you want efficiency and effectiveness, if you want knowledge to be properly utilized, you have to do it through the means of private property."

"The society that puts equality before freedom will end up with neither. The society that puts freedom before equality will end up with a great measure of both."

Milton Friedman





Ways and Means: Mary Moss - MAY 2007



High Heels & High Tea II

SAVE THE DATE! - Our second **High Heels & High Tea** is on the calendar for **Friday, October 12, 2007**. Lindsay Lakes is a brand new banquet facility on Muesche Road just 2.4 miles off Hwy 290.

Be thinking of groups of friends to invite to this fun event. Ask your Bunko Group, Tennis Team, Prayer Group, or any other friends from other organizations that you may be involved in. If you can get 4 together you can be a Select Sponsor or if you can get 10 together you can be a Premium Sponsor. With both, your group will have its name in the program. **Individual tickets are \$50, Select Sponsor (4 tickets) is \$250, and Premium Sponsor (10 tickets) is \$500.**

We 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.

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.

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

That's it for this time.

Mary

CFRW Cook Book

The deadline for recipe submission will be June 1, 2007. We have sent out requests to some of our elected officials for recipes, but we need yours too. The form to use is included in this newsletter and on our web site. Please submit at least one recipe for each category!



Important links:

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

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

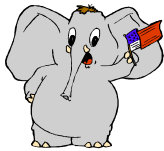
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.



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Affiliations:
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Texas Federation of Republican Women
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Cypress, TX 77429



RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

For office use only

Recipe No.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Cy-Fair Republican Women
cordially invite you to our

High Heels & High Tea - II

Fashion Show

Friday, October 12, 2007

Lindsay Lakes

16536 Mueschke Road,

Cypress, TX 77429

Drinks, Blind Auction & Shopping -
11 a.m.

Fashion Show & Luncheon - 12 noon

Premium Sponsor - \$500 (table of 10 with
preferred seating & acknowledgment in event
program)

Select Sponsor - \$250 (seating for 4 with
preferred seating & acknowledgment in event
program)

Individual Ticket - \$50

For more information please call Mary Moss at 281-
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