

Cy-Fair Republican Women NEWSLETTER June 2007

Kay's Kolumn

We were so honored to have 'Borah Van Dormolen as our speaker at the last

meeting. She is such a dynamic woman and her energy is so contagious. And, since most everyone stayed after our meeting to be deputized as Voter Registrars, I can also proudly say that Cy-Fair Republican Women are armed and ready for political battle. Pat Downing gave a great presentation and I look forward to the fun and successful Voter Registration drives that we will soon be planning.

And, talking about that.... We will be able to wear our great tees and oxford shirts at our Voter Registration drives as well as at the many other functions that we will be attending as a group. So, if you have not already done so, get with Mary Moss and order yours soon. They really are very nice.

Our 'High Heals and High Tea' fashion show and luncheon is shaping up nicely. I know that Mary Moss would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to help with any of the committees. We will soon be distributing the tickets to our members to sell.

I am looking forward to the RNC Women's Leadership conference this month and I am delighted that we have several other members who will be going as well. I hope that each of you consider attending some of the many conventions, seminars and conferences that are available to us through our membership in the Greater Houston Council, Texas Federation and National Federation of Republican Women. Attending these events bring insight and motivation that enable us to better do the grass roots work that is so necessary if we are going to maintain what we have and regain what we have lost. Not only that, will allow you to build relationships with other like-minded Republican women who share your passion for the political process. You are always welcome.

With that in mind, mark your calendars for the NFRW Convention in Palm Springs on September 26-30. And, for the TFRW Convention in El Paso on November 9-11.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 12...... CFRW-Meeting - 6:45 PM at the home of Kay Waghorne

June 19......Greater Houston Council Meeting

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

July 10......CFRW-Meeting - 10:30 AM

Sept 26-30...NFRW Convention Palm Springs

Nov 9-11.....TFRW Convention El Paso, Texas

We will be sending delegates to both conventions. For the TFRW Convention the number of delegates and alternate delegates is based on our membership numbers and there is a great opportunity for you to go as a delegate or alternate to that one. However, for either convention you are able to go as a guest.

Finally, I want to mention Membership. We are pleased to see that with each meeting our guest numbers are increasing. And, new membership applications are still coming in, albeit not in the numbers that we would like. I know that building a new club takes time and effort and I want to thank the Board for all of their hard work and dedication to our club. We are planning a terrific membership drive for the fall that I am sure you will enjoy. Details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, continue to invite your friends to a meeting and let them experience first hand the terrific club that you are.

I will see you all at the June meeting.... at my home....

Later, Kay



JUNE MEETING



TUESDAY JUNE 12

Time: 6:45 PM - Coffee/Social - 7:00 PM Meeting/Speaker

Place: the home of Kay Waghorne 14106 Blazey Drive located in Hearthstone

RSVP:

Krista Steele: 281-246-4894 Ksteele@entouch.net No later than Monday, June 11th

SPEAKER: State Representative Bill Callegari

We welcome **State Representative Bill Callegari** as the speaker for our June meeting. Rep.Callegari was elected to the Texas State Legislature in 2000. He represented District 130 in his first term in the 77th Texas Legislature. Redistricting put him in the 132nd District, where he handily won re-election to his House seat, a feat he repeated in the 2006 general election. He is now serving in his fourth term in the Texas House. As a member of the Texas House, he serves as Chairman of the Government Reform Committee and as a member of the Land and Resource Management Committee. **Rep. Callegari will be giving us a legislative update on the most recent session**. Please join us for our June meeting that is sure to be entertaining and informative.



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MINUTES



CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING May 8, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the general meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women to order at 11:09 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Mary Moss gave the invocation followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests.

Jan Ott introduced the guest speaker, 'Borah Van Dormolen, President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. 'Borah presented an informative and most enjoyable program on the TFRW structure and the important role and impact of the Republican Women's Clubs as a grassroots organization in support of the Republican Party. She stressed the need for members to educate the community about political issues and promote Republican candidates. She briefly discussed the dues increase proposed by the NFRW and its effect on local groups. A Peter Barnes' children's book which she signed will be placed in a school library to honor her as our guest speaker.

Packets of updated pages to our group's membership directory were distributed to those present.

The minutes of the April 10, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed in the recent newsletter.

Dawn Shull, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4347.21 in the club's treasury. The report was accepted as presented.

Stephanie DeHondt, Program Chair, announced that the speaker for the June 12, 2007 general meeting will be District 132 State Representative Bill Callegari.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, announced that the CFRW denim shirts and the red t-shirts can be ordered by contacting her. June 1 is the deadline for recipes to be submitted for the CFRW cookbook. Forms are available in the May newsletter as well as on the website. Mary 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 which is chaired by Krista Steele. Vendors are also being sought to set up booths for a donation of \$50. Individual event tickets are \$50, premium table sponsorship is \$500 for a table of 10, and select sponsorship is \$250 which includes four (4) tickets. Sponsorships will be recognized in the programs.

Kay Waghorne circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in filling the vacant positions of Registration Chair, Chaplain and Community Activities Chair. Kay reminded all about the RNC Women's Republican Leadership Conference on June 22-23 in Dallas, TX. Online registration deadline is May 24, 2007. A sign-up sheet was passed for those who are interested in attending.

A prize drawing was held and Maureen Young won the patriotic Fitz and Floyd knick-knack.

Membership Chair, Dawn Fobbs, announced that the club has four (4) new members.

Rita Parrish, Newsletter Editor, reminded members to submit articles for the newsletter two weeks prior to the next general meeting.

Campaign Activities Chair, Julie Sweidel, announced that 213 volunteer hours were reported for the first quarter of 2007. Roy Morales' Houston City Council campaign is in need of volunteers at polling places for the May 12th election. Julie will be adding legislative updates to the website.







MINUTES - Continued



Millie Alford, Legislative Chair, is preparing information to be printed in the upcoming newsletter.

Jan Ott, Awards Chair, reported that CFRW is doing well at completing activities and requirements for the awards program.

Historian, Emily Klein, reminded members that June 1 is the deadline for photos and memorabilia from past years to be submitted to her for the scrapbooks which should be ready by the end of summer.

An announcement was made that the best ways to contact a legislator are via email, Fax, and telephone, as mailed letters take weeks to reach them due to lengthy security procedures.

Old Business:

None was reported.

New Business:

'Borah Van Dormolen is running for a position on the National Republican Party Committee next year. Members are encouraged to run for Precinct Chair in their areas. Stephanie DeHondt will provide more information at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

During the lunch that followed the meeting, Pat Downing, Harris County Voter Registrar, presented a class for members who were interested in becoming a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar. After her presentation and distribution of materials, many members were deputized. They are now empowered to register qualified applicants to vote.

Betty Guthrie CFRW: Secretary



LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Millie Alford



After attending the Greater Houston Council meeting last week, I've reformatted my report, and taken some direction from the report submitted by GHCFRW Legislative Liaison, Barbara Larson. As I've mentioned before, I am still in the process of learning about my job. I'd like to expand on the information she submitted, and update the current Bills. I've listed some of the websites I used. If you have any questions or would like a bill researched, please email me. Happy Learning!

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 at a particular bill and get the updated information on it, http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx

Regarding the current bills:

Constitutional Amendment on the May 12 ballot passed by 88%.

Trans Texas Corridor:

HB 1892 places a two-year moratorium on the Trans Texas Corridor. Relating to the authority of certain counties and other entities with (continued next page)







Legislative Report (cont'd)



respect to certain transportation projects; providing penalties. Subjects: County Government—Roads (I0099)Highways (I0390)TOLL ROADS & TOLL BRIDGES (S1090)TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, TEXAS (V0040) TRANSPORTATION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF (V8796) Vetoed by the Governor - 05/18/2007 Legislators and TXDOT personnel are working on a compromise for the bill.

Voting

HB 218 A photo ID will be required to vote. Passed House 76-69. Left pending in committee Subjects: Elections—Administration (I0277)Elections—General (I0310)

Elections—Registration & Suffrage (I0265)IDENTIFICATION CARDS (S0074) 05/16/2007 S Co-sponsor authorized

HB 626-Proof of citizenship to register to vote is required. Passed the House Committee report printed and distributed Subjects: Crimes—Against Persons—General (I0170)

Elections—General (I0310)Elections—Registration & Suffrage (I0265IDENTIFICATION CARDS (S0074) 05/21/2007 01:05 PM in Senate committee.

Health:

HB 109-Restores the 12-month registration for CHIP.

Subjects: Health—Children's Insurance (I0388)CHILD HEALTH PLAN (P0025)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (V0177) Passed the House and is in the Finance Committee in the Senate. 05/21/2007 S Committee report printed and distributed.

HCR 35- Urging the United States Congress to enact legislation to eliminate the 24-month Medicare waiting period for participants in Social Security Disability Insurance.

Subjects: Resolutions—Legislative Policy (I0685)Resolutions—Memorializing Congress (I0675)SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (N4889) INSURANCE—DISABILITY (S0560) Placed on intent calendar 05/22/2007

Education:

CSSB 1031-Committee substitute for SB 1031. Relating to the administration of certain assessment instruments (TAKS test) in public schools; providing a criminal penalty

Subjects: Elections—Voting Systems (I0270)PUNCH CARD BALLOTS & VOTING MACHINES (S0421) 05/21/2007 Senate appoints conferees-reported House Committee Report.

Immigration:

HB13 Border Security-Cities that provide sanctuary to illegal aliens forfeit Homeland Security funds. Subjects: Governor (I0375)Law Enforcement (I0510)State Agencies, Boards & Commissions (I0749)State FinancesAppropriations (I0746)IMMIGRATION LAW (S0674)TERRORISM & INTERNAL SECURITY (S0574)

05/22/2007 S Placed on intent calendar.

HB 104 Relating to information required to establish resident status in connection with tuition and fees charged by public institutions of higher education.

Subjects: Aliens (I0032)Education—Higher—Admission & Attendance (I0257)

Education—Higher—Tuition (I0233) RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (S0266 04/19/2007 Left pending in committee

HB1196 Any business receiving a public subsidy must certify that the business will not employ an illegal immigrant. Subjects: Aliens (I0032)Business & Commerce—General (I0050)Economic & Industrial Development—General (I0214) 05/23/2007 S Placed on local & uncontested calendar.

HB291 Relating to requiring governmental entities and contractors with governmental entities to participate in the federal work authorization program; providing a penalty. Subjects: Aliens (I0032)Labor—Management Relations (I0465)Purchasing—Local (I0644)Purchasing—State (I0643)WORKFORCE COMMISSION, TEXAS (V0470) 04/16/2007 H Left pending in committee.

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LEGISLATIVE (continued)



Children's Initiative:

HB8 Jessica's Law. Relating to the prosecution, punishment, and supervision of certain sex offenders and to certain crimes involving sex offenders. Subjects: Crimes—Against Persons—Sexual (I0171)Crimes—Capital Punishment (I0195)Criminal Procedure—General (I0208)

Minors—Crimes Against (I0532)MANDATORY & COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (S2314)SEXUAL OFFENDERS (S0099) 05/21/2007 H Signed in the House

Gambling:

HB 10 House Committee Report - Relating to certain gaming activity conducted by an Indian tribe or tribal organization. Subjects: Amusements, Games, Sports (I0034)

Crimes—Against Morals (I0180) GAMBLING (S1232) NATIVE AMERICANS (S0441) 05/04/2007 H Failed to pass to engrossment.

Appropriations:

HB 3678 Senate Committee Report- Relating to voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints in public schools. Subjects: Education—Primary & Secondary—Extracurricular Activities (I0247) Education—Primary & Secondary—General (I0230) Religion (I0646) RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT (P0471)

SCHOOLCHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (P0481)

05/21/2007 S Committee report printed and distributed.

HB 1287 Relating to public school elective courses providing academic study of the Bible. Subjects: Education—Primary & Secondary—Curriculum (I0228)

Religion (I0646) 05/21/2007 S Scheduled for public hearing.

Life:

SB 439 This bill extends from 10 to 21 days that a family has to find another hospital to take their family member. However, the bill does not give families the final say in their loved ones' care. Subjects: Health Care Providers (I0387)Probate—Durable Power of Attorney (I0591) PATIENT & FAMILY TREATMENT CHOICE RIGHTS ACT OF 2007 (P0444) ADVANCE DIRECTIVES (S0590) LIFE SUPPORT (S0340)

Relating to advance directives and health care and treatment decisions. 05/22/2007 H Placed on Major State Calendar

Gun Laws:

HB 991- Relating to the confidentiality of certain records maintained by the Department of Public Safety regarding persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun. Subjects: Criminal Procedure—General (I0208) Open Records (I0548) Weapons (I0887) CONCEALED HANDGUNS (S0241) PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF (V0251) 05/14/2007 E Sent to the Governor



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Julie Sweidel



With the mass voter registrar deputization we participated in at the May meeting, the CFRW are ready again to make an impact here in the Cy-Fair area. We will be organizing a voter registration drive in the next few months that will not only get more citizens off the sidelines and in the game but also get our club some more exposure.

The Houston City Council election ended with a run-off. The Roy Morales campaign would certainly appreciate our support. They will need phone bank volunteers and supporters in the city limits to display yard signs and bumper stickers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Julie Sweidel CFRW Campaign Activities at 281 345-6678 or Justin Jordan - Campaign Manager at 713 256-5756.







WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



WE NEED YOUR RECIPES! We have sent out requests to some of our elected officials for recipes, <u>but we need yours too!</u> The form to use is included in this newsletter and on our web site. Please submit at least one recipe for each catagory!

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

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 propietors.

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.

That's it for this time.

Mary





Important links:

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

<u>http://thomas.loc.gov/</u> - 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.

<u>http://www.texaspolicy.com/</u> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<u>http://www.ghcrwpac.org</u> – Greater Houston Council

<u>http://www.tfrw.org</u> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

<u>http://www.sos.state.tx.us</u> - Texas Secretary of State web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments.



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