



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

July 2007

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Women are impacting our Nation more with each passing year. We had the great opportunity to hear from some of the brightest of them at the Republican National Committee (RNC) Women's Leadership Conference in Dallas this past weekend. I truly wish you could all have been there.

We learned about new technologies, Party involvement opportunities, voter turnout strategy, communication skills, event planning, fundraising and lessons learned from prior campaign seasons. And, we took a look ahead to the upcoming election cycle. What wonderful ideas we came back with and those who attended can't wait to share them with our club.

This election cycle promises to be an exciting and rewarding time. I hope that each of you will become actively involved in the process.

The website has up-to-date information about campaign activities. Many candidates, including Presidential hopefuls, are setting up local offices and soliciting volunteers. Please refer to the website often and choose some campaign activities to participate in. As more candidates declare their intentions we will include campaign information for your consideration. It is important that you are aware that Cy-Fair Republican Women, the Campaign Chairman, Julie Sweidel nor I, as President, do not endorse any candidate in a contested Republican race.

We do, however, encourage YOU to. We encourage each of you, on an individual basis, to learn about the candidates and work hard to help those that you feel represent your Republican views and ideals. Hats are flying into the races and I would love CFRW to be an active participant in the process. All hours that you work on a campaign should be recorded and the details given to Julie.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

June 17.....Greater Houston Council Meeting

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

Sept 1.....Presidential Straw Poll
Fort Worth, Texas

Sept 26-30....NFRW Convention
Palm Springs

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

Come "Sail Away" with us at our Cruise Night membership drive event to be held on August 14 in conjunction with our general meeting. It will be held at the Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse and will be great fun. We will have a planning session following our July meeting. Anyone interested in helping out on the event is invited to stick around and help us plan the event. Bon Voyage!

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. But, I hope you will also be able to fit us into your schedule as well. Those members that have not been able to attend because of time-overload are still very welcome and we hope that as your time allows you will join us.

I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Later, Kay



JUNE MEETING



TUESDAY JULY 10

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

Place: Hearthstone Country Club
7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, Texas

Lunch Following Meeting:
\$15.00 per person with lunch
\$3.00 per person without lunch
“cash preferred”

RSVP:

Krista Steele: 281-246-4894
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No later than Monday, July 9th

OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS :

DARCY MINGOIA - President, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce

Darcy Mingoia has been the President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce since November 1998. Under her leadership, the Chamber conducted the campaign to bring Cy-Fair College to the community and worked with the school district to adopt freeport exemption to allow businesses with qualifying inventory to be exempt from a portion of their property taxes. Currently, the Chamber is working on bringing commuter rail to the Highway 290 corridor to facilitate increased mobility in the area. She and her four-person staff assist twenty committees and coordinate numerous special events. Please join us for her very informative presentation on the mobility issues that are important to our communities in the Cy-Fair area.



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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

June 12, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the general meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women to order at 7:23 p.m. in her home. Alice McDill gave the invocation followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and introduced guests.

Jan Ott introduced the guest speaker, State Representative Bill Callegari (District 132). Rep. Callegari gave a most informative and interesting presentation on recent legislative proceedings within the Texas Legislature, including the following topics: issue involving House Speaker, Tom Craddick; the need for Republicans to vote in elections; important bills; issues regarding the budget, parks, border control, eminent domain, water and drainage. Rep. Callegari was presented with a Peter Barnes' children's book to sign which will be donated in his honor to a local school library.

The minutes of the May 8, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed in the recent newsletter.

Dawn Shull, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4365.24 in the club's treasury. The report was accepted as presented.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, asked for more recipes to be submitted for the club's cookbook. She hopes everyone would send in at least one recipe per section. Forms are available in the newsletter as well as on the website. Volunteers are also needed to type the recipes. If you can assist, please contact Mary. Plans are proceeding for the High Tea and High Heels luncheon and style show which 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. Volunteers are needed to assist with this fundraiser. Please contact Mary if you can help or have an item to donate! The CFRW denim and t-shirts are available for purchase.

Nick Swyka, representing Congressman John Culberson, presented CFRW with a note from Congressman Culberson and a copy of Women in Congress: 1917 to 2006 by the House Administration Committee in appreciation of our club's support.

Kay Waghorne announced that members were invited to attend the ceremony introducing the postage stamp honoring Margaret Chase Smith at the GOP Houston headquarters on Wednesday, June 13, at 10 a.m. On June 19 there will be a Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce dinner featuring State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale. Call Kay for more information. Kay circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in filling the vacant positions of Registration Chair, Chaplain and Community Activities Chair.

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, reported that phone bank volunteers are needed by Roy Morales campaign. Calling lists are available for those who wish to make calls from home. Debbie Riddle will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on June 23, 2007. Julie is currently looking into a location for CFRW Voter Registration Drive. Please visit the CFRW website for club and legislative information.

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Jan Ott, Awards Chair, has submitted required paperwork for the NFRW awards. She reported that she is preparing activities which will help qualify the club for more points in the hope that CFRW can achieve the Gold Award as well as other awards presented by the TFRW at Convention.

Jan reported the nice press coverage and photo CFRW received in the Houston Chronicle, Hearthstone and Longwood newsletters for dictionaries donated to the third-graders at Walker Elementary School in the Cy-Fair ISD as one of the club's community service activities.

Kay reminded members about the NFRW Convention in Palm Springs, CA in September, 2007, and the TFRW Convention in El Paso, TX in November, 2007. Several members will be attending the RNC Women's Leadership Conference in Dallas, TX next week.

There being no old or new business a door prize drawing was held for decorative ceramic elephants and a U. S. Flag. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Betty Guthrie - CFRW: Secretary



STANDING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT



The standing rules committee has drafted a list of standing rules that we are proposing for our club to adopt. We have used some guidelines from other clubs and considered our experience with the club to date. The committee thinks that we have drafted a good set of rules to help our club continue to be successful. Please review the list below so that we may discuss and vote on them at the July meeting.

The Standing Rules Committee*Jan Ott, Mary Moss, Barbara Dorsey, Kay Waghorne*

Cy-Fair Republican Women Proposed Standing Rules

- 1 Each year the newly elected president shall call a joint meeting of the out-going and incoming Executive Board prior to the January meeting in order to preserve continuity and transition.
- 2 For the installation of officers, the President-elect may choose the installation official. The official TFRW president's pin is presented to the new President by the outgoing President at the installation. The Treasurer is responsible for ordering the pin from TFRW and paying for it with club funds. The outgoing 1st Vice-President shall be responsible for a gift for the outgoing President.
- 3 The outgoing Program Chairman is responsible for the January program.
- 4 The outgoing Newsletter Editor is responsible for the January newsletter.
- 5 The outgoing Treasurer will file the January PAC report before transferring duties to the new Treasurer.
- 6 Cy-Fair Republican Women's archives shall be kept in a detailed notebook by each officer and standing committee chairman to be passed on to their successor. Each notebook will contain the position's job description and all records pertaining to their activities.
- 7 All CFRW newsletters, which include the minutes, shall be kept by the 3rd Vice-President.

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- 8 The club scrapbook will be given to each president for her term. She will make it available for future club use.
- 9 A list of CFRW property and storage of banner shall be the duty of the President.
- 10 Guest speakers (other than candidates) are presented with a suitable gift from the CFRW by the 1st Vice President.
- 11 New members shall be listed in the newsletter along with their addresses and phone numbers. This information is given to the third vice-president by the membership chairman.
- 12 The American and Texas flags are kept and brought to each meeting and appropriately displayed by the hospitality chairman.
- 13 The General membership shall approve all major expenditures over \$300.
- 14 The 2nd Vice-president shall submit a budget for any major fundraising event for approval by the Executive Board.
- 15 Memorials in the amount of \$25.00 shall be given to the TFRW Scholarship Fund in the event of the death of a primary member.
- 16 No candidate, or a relative of a candidate, shall be a member of the Campaign Fund Disbursement Committee.
- 17 Each member shall be given a club directory. If a member needs a replacement, it may be purchased for \$15.00.
- 18 The CFRW Directory shall be distributed only to CFRW members for their personal use. A list of names and mailing addresses only may be sold to Republican candidates with the consent of the Executive Board.
- 19 Announcements in the CFRW newsletter and at general meetings need approval by the President and/or the Executive Board.
- 20 Any printed material released in the name of CFRW shall be issued only with the prior approval of the President and/or Executive Committee.
- 21 All written materials, except campaign materials, distributed at CFRW functions shall be reviewed and approved by the President and/or Executive Board.
- 22 Club email procedures will be followed:
 1. Emails to the membership are limited to CFRW or Republican information and are subject to the approval of the President and/or Board.
 2. The CFRW's electronic e-mail roster will not be furnished to anyone outside of the club by the board or any individual members.
 3. All emails sent to the general membership shall be listed in BCC:(blind carbon copy) so that the email addresses are not visible.
- 23 In non-partisan elections, candidates may be invited to speak at meetings with approval from the Executive Board. The club is not obligated to invite every candidate for a position in these races. However, if two or more known Republicans are seeking the same office, when one is invited to speak all shall be given this courtesy.
- 24 CFRW shall subscribe to the TFRW President's monthly newsletter for the Executive Board's use as determined by the Board.
- 25 It is customary for both year's President be the club's honoree at the bi-annual TFRW Tribute to Women. More than one honoree may be chosen.





Just when you think things are going to settle down, someone mentions the *Immigration Bill*. Whatever your thoughts are about this situation, you can be sure it will be a hot topic. We heard many comments this past week-end at the Leadership Conference in Dallas. What a great experience! We heard some very dynamic speakers and I really enjoyed every aspect of it. Summer is here, but things are still bustling in Austin. The following is an update on the current bills. If you have questions or would like information on other bills, please let me know.

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 Current Bills: Please refer to the June Legislative Report for full descriptions of bills.

Trans Texas Corridor: HB 1892 . No New Action

Voting: HB 218 No New Action.

HB 626- 05/17/2007 - S Left pending in committee

Health: HB 109-Effective immediately 06/15/2007 Signed by the Governor 06/15/2007

HCR 35- 06/15/2007 E Signed by the Governor

Education: CSSB 1031- Signed by the Governor 06/15/2007 Effective on 9/1/07 06/15/2007

Immigration: HB13 Returned from the House for further action 05/25/2007 Passed Senate

HB 104 No Change

HB1196 Signed by the Governor 06/15/2007 Effective on 9/1/07 Passed 06/15/2007

HB291 - No Change

Children's Initiative: HB8 Jessica's Law. Signed by Gov. 6/15/07, Effective on 9/1/07

Gambling: HB 10 No Change

Appropriations: HB 3678 Signed by the Gov. 06/08/2007 Effective immediately 06/08/2007

HB 1287 Signed by the Gov. 06/15/2007 Effective immediately

Life: SB 439 No Change.

Gun Laws: HB 991- Signed by the Governor 05/23/2007 Effective Immediately.





WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



WE NEED YOUR RECIPES! 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!**

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

CFRW Cook Book

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES! This is the very last opportunity to submit a recipe to our collection. We are going to be typing the recipes that we have received this month and will go to the printer in August. **Please submitted at least one recipe for each category no later than our July meeting - July 10!** You can bring them, mail or email them to me, or call me and I'll come by and pick them up. You can use the handy form included in the newsletter (the best for the typists!), but if that is not possible, send them any way that is convenient.

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

High Heels & High Tea II

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE! - Our second **High Heels & High Tea** is on the calendar for **Friday, October 12, 2007**. Lindsay Lakes is a brand new banquet facility on Mueschke 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, specialty 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 - 4 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



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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.



