



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
October 2008

Kay's Kolumn



Before I get started... I want to make sure that everyone knows that, because of the hurricane and damages to Hearthstone, our meeting has moved to Carrabba's Italian Grill. It is located at 7540 Hwy. 6 North in Copperfield.

As I sit down to write my Kolumn, I am struck that no matter what I write regarding politics, everything will most likely have changed before this article is even published. I will attempt to make it current!

First off.... How about that Sarah Palin? With all of the turmoil in politics right now, I dare say that Republicans are delighted with Senator McCain's choice. As a conservative woman, I can not be more pleased. And, judging from the calls for yard signs, and people calling me asking how they can become involved, I am sure that I am not the only one.

With Governor Palin's addition to the ticket, regardless of who wins, there is a great historical significance to this election. And, more-over, when we win this election, we will be one step closer to having a Republican as the first woman President. This is one more reason to double our efforts to see that happens.

However, we have a tremendous amount of work to do and the roller coaster that we find ourselves on is changing politics every day. As of this writing, we have had a major hurricane hit our area, a Presidential debate, a failed attempt to pass legislation bailing us out of a monumental financial dilemma. And, later this week, Sarah Palin will make her debut in a Vice-Presidential debate with Senator Biden. The result of which can't be under-estimated in its effect on this election. I know we all have great expectations for her performance.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- October 14.....10:30 AM Social
11:00 AM Meeting
Carraba's Italian Grill
7540 Hwy 6 North
Houston, Texas
- October 20.....1st Day of Early Voting
- October 21.....Greater Houston Council
9:30 AM, 10:00 Program
Justice Dale Wainwright
Texas Supreme Court and
Beth Cubriel - Organization
Director for John Cornyn
- October 28.....Last Day to Apply for Ballot
by Mail for General Election
- October 31.....Last Day of Early Voting in
General Election
- November 4.....General Election Day

Meanwhile, I encourage everyone to step up their efforts of working on getting out the vote. I want to thank Pam Waldren, Joy Gregory and Suzanne Davis for working the recent Voter Registration drive. I also want to encourage everyone to work at the Victory Center that has been set up on 1960.

I hope that everyone can make our meeting. Congressman McCaul will be able to bring us up to date on the bail-out issue. Also, we will be voting on By-Laws changes and a few other club matters.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Carrabba's!

Later, Kay



OCTOBER MEETING



Tuesday, October 14, 2008

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

Place: CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL
7540 Hwy 6 North
Houston, Texas

Luncheon Selections:

POLLO ROSA MARIA - chicken stuffed with fontina cheese and prosciutto, topped with mushrooms and a basil lemon butter sauce

CAVATAPPIAMATRICIANA PASTA

HOUSE SALAD - with creamy parmesan dressing on the side

BREAD and DRINK

RSVP:

Reservations for the meal must be received by no later than
Friday, October 10th

**For the meeting only, we would appreciate an RSVP no later than
Sunday, October 12th**

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PROGRAM DETAILS



U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul - 10th District of Texas



Cy-Fair Republican Women are always honored to have Congress Michael McCaul take the time to come speak to our group. Everyone will want to invite their friends and neighbors to join us as the Congressman updates us on the issues he is working on in Washington. He is currently serving in his second term representing Texas' 10th District in the United States Congress. The 10th Congressional District of Texas stretches across 8 counties from Austin to the Houston suburbs, and includes Austin, Bastrop, Burleson, Harris, Lee, Travis, Washington and Waller Counties.

Congressman McCaul is a member of the Homeland Security Committee, where he serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber security, Science and Technology. He is also currently a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Science and Technology, and the Ethics Committee.

Prior to coming to Congress, Michael McCaul served as Chief of Counter Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney's office in Texas, and led the Joint Terrorism Task Force charged with detecting, deterring and preventing terrorist activity. Congressman McCaul also served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C.

A fourth generation Texan, Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program of the School of Government, Harvard University.



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



CFRW members are excited about the establishment of a Harris County GOP Satellite Office in Northwest Houston. This "Victory Center", located near 1960 and Jones Rd. on the north side of in the shopping strip next to Enterprise Rentals, has made volunteering easier than ever and I hope that most of you will make a committment to work at least a few times before the General Election.

Our own Suzanne Davis has agreed to be the coordinator for the Victory Center and Cy-Fair Republican women are taking the lead for volunteering to work on Monday and Thursday mornings and on Saturdays. You may be asked to make telephone calls, do paperwork or anything a GOP candidate needs for that week. The office is stocked with various comfort items such as a microwave, coffee maker, water, juice, sodas and small snacks. Any conturibution you make to the office would be much appreciated.

Volunteering is fun and rewarding. Please call Suzanne at 713-562-4901 to let her know when you will be available or call me at 281-859-8162 for any questions you might have.

In addition, many local Republican candidates are sponsoring block walks to help get them elected. With this beautiful Fall weather, who could resist such a positive way to spend a Saturday? Look for emails from me for specifics on this. Thanks in advance for all your participation!

Pam Waldren





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
September 9, 2008

CFRW President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women club to order at 11:03 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Kay welcomed members and visitors. Chaplain Alice McDill gave the invocation and led the group in prayer followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the Texas flag.

Membership Chairman, Kelli Ray, introduced the many guests, visitors, and representatives from the offices of local elected officials.

Jan Ott, Awards Chairman, introduced guest speaker Bill Moore, judicial candidate for the 174th District Criminal Court. Having made printed information available to attendees, Mr. Moore spoke about the need to learn about the candidates for the nine criminal court benches up for election in November. These are very important positions that need to be filled by lawyers who meet and exceed the qualifications to be a judge. He stressed the importance of experience working in the prosecutor's office and in managing the court dockets. He urged the audience to search candidate websites to learn about their general philosophy regarding the judicial system. The efficiency of the county criminal court system has greatly improved since the election of more Republican judges. Kay presented Mr. Moore with a copy of the Peter Barnes children's book to sign for later placement in a local children's library.

Representative Gary Elkins and Phil Owens announced the new headquarters near FM 1960 W and Jones Road. Yard signs will be available to those who would like them. They asked the CFRW members to contribute two (2) days per week to man this location which is supporting all Republican candidates. Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chairman, will send more information to members via an email.

Kay announced that later in the meeting we would be electing our Nominating Committee for our 2009-2010 Club Officers. Kay distributed "Officer Interest Sheets" for interested members to complete and advised that they would be collected for submission to the Nominating Committee at the end of the meeting. "Committee Chairman Interest Sheets" will be distributed at the October meeting.

Secretary Betty Guthrie announced that the minutes for the August 12, 2008 general meeting were published in the September issue of the CFRW Newsletter. Members approved the minutes as published.

Treasurer Dawn Shull was not present, therefore Jan Ott reported, in Dawn's absence, a balance of \$12,217 in the treasury and \$100.28 in the Scholarship Fund as of August 31, 2008.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chairman, announced CFRW will be selling club items at the Copperfield Women's Craft Show on September 13, 2008, in conjunction with the CFRW Voter Registration Drive. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated.

Cheryl Mills, Caring for America Chairman, reminded all of the notes paper and pens on the tables for writing notes of support to our troops. Attendees interested in learning to crochet caps for the troops are welcomed to stay after the meeting for an instructional workshop.

Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chairman, announced up-coming volunteer events. In addition to the Voter Registration Drive on September 13th at the Copperfield Women's Club Craft Show, volunteers are needed for the drive on September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lone Star College Community Partnership Day. Another Voter Registration Drive is scheduled for October 11th at Cy-Fest held at Lone Star College. She distributed volunteer hour log sheets for members to complete and return to her, as she will be submitting hours at the end of September to TFRW.

Jan Ott, Bylaw Revision Committee Chairman, distributed printed changes recommended in the current CFRW bylaws and explained the rationale for the changes. They were also printed in the September 2008 newsletter. Discussion on the changes and the vote to accept the revised bylaws by the membership will be held at the October 14, 2008 meeting.

Membership Chairman Kelli Ray introduced new members Crystal Faver and Barbara Hanby.

Jan Ott, Campaign Disbursement Committee Chairman, distributed the list of recommended donations to local campaigns, to Victory 2008, and for "Vote Today" yard signs. The motion to accept the recommendation passed.

Kay explained the procedure for electing our Nominating Committee. According to our Bylaws, a maximum of 5 members may be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee of which a maximum of two may be currently elected Board Members. Kay asked for nominations from the floor and they were presented as follows: Rita Parrish (by Betty Guthrie), Mary Atchison (by Jan Ott), Barbara Dorsey (by Rita Parrish), Jan Ott (by Barbara Dorsey), and Cheryl Mills (by Betty Phelan Collins). Millie Alford moved to accept the nominations and Mary Moss seconded. The motion passed. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees at the October meeting. The Election will be held at the November meeting.

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Suzanne Davis asked for 3-5 volunteers to help at the West Road at Jones Road voting location to help on election day.

Barbara Dorsey thanked all for graciously understanding the change in the day's menu.

Emily Klein representative/member from Representative John Culberson's office announced that McCain/Palin yard signs are available at the GOP Headquarters on Richmond Avenue downtown. Kay will also have these signs available to all of our members and will send an email when the signs arrive.

Jack Ladd asked for volunteers at the McCaul headquarters on Mason Road south of I-10.

Apostle Claver T. Kamau-Imani, host of "The Christian Politician" radio show, has faced complaints to have his show removed from the air waves by liberal activists. He is seeking help from Republicans to counteract with emails of support to the station. His program airs on Saturdays at noon on KCOH Radio 1430 AM. His purpose is to bring people of color back into the Republican party.

Millie Alford was the final winner of the door prize drawing.

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2009 at Hearthstone Country Club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m. An optional lunch followed.

Betty Guthrie
Secretary
CFRW



WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



Due to Hurricane Ike, the Copperfield Women's Club Craft show had to be cancelled and will not be re-scheduled. We have several items that we ordered that are campaign related and therefore time sensitive that CFRW would like to sell, plus we missed out on a great opportunity to offer voter registration.

We have limited numbers on a first come first serve basis of the following items:

- **Rhinestone McCain Pins - clear or red, white and blue - \$15**
- **Small Lapel Pins - \$5**
Gold McCain - Black McCain - Vote - Vote Republican - Republican Elephant
- **McCain Baseball Caps - \$15**
Navy, Black or Khaki
- **Patriotic Reader Glasses - \$10**
175 to 250 strength
- **Large Elephant Pin/Necklace Slide - \$15**
Gold or Silver Tone
- **Peter Barnes Books - \$18 ea or any 5 titles get a \$10 discount - \$80 total**
Titles: Woodrow for President
Woodrow White House Mouse
House Mouse, Senate Mouse
Marshall Court House Mouse
President Adam's Alligator
Washington DC ABC's - NEW
- **CFRW's Life of the Party Cook Book - special election price - \$15**
Delicious recipes from CFRW members and elected officials - past and present.
- **CFRW Denim Shirts and T-shirts**

Mary





MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



CFRW— We are delighted to announce our latest members:

Barbara Louise Hanby - - - Crystal Faver

Maxine Prezbindowski - - - Sherma Bartels

Please take a moment at the next meeting to welcome them to our family!



LEGISLATIVE - Millie Alford



Today, I'd like to give you some current information about recent bills which have been of special interest to Texas residents. They all relate to **Border Security Council-SB 11** Author Carona; and **HOMELAND SECURITY**: the second one is HB 1851 Author: Corte, Frank ; the third is HB 1851 Author: Corte, Frank; HCR 173 Author: Corte, Frank Sponsor: Wentworth. You can follow the activity on each bill. If you have questions about a bill, please let me know. Highlights of each bill are included.

The Next Legislative Session

The Legislature will convene for the 81st Regular Session on January 13, 2009.
Texas Legislature

General Information: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

For more information on Bills By Subject, you may access <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=80R&Bill=SB11>

Governmental Agencies: **BORDER SECURITY COUNCIL**
80th Legislature Regular Session
Report Date: 8/26/2008

SB 11 Author: Carona

Sponsor: Corte, Frank

Last Action: 06/06/2007

Caption: Relating to homeland security and protection of the public, including protections against human trafficking; providing pen

Bill: SB 11

Legislative Session: 80(R) Council Document: 80R 7261 MTB-D Add to Bill List | Add to Alert List

Last Action: 06/06/2007 E See remarks for effective date

Caption Version: Enrolled

Caption Text: Relating to homeland security and protection of the public, including protections against human trafficking; providing penalties.

Author: Carona

Sponsor: Corte, Frank

Subjects: Aliens (I0032)

Crimes—Against Persons—General (I0170)

Disaster Preparedness & Relief (I0211)

Health—Emergency Services & Personnel (I0384)

Open Meetings (I0546)

State Agencies, Boards & Commissions (I0749)

IMMUNIZATIONS (S4341)

RADIO (S0252)

TELEPHONES & TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES (S5657)

TERRORISM & INTERNAL SECURITY (S0574)

TOLL ROADS & TOLL BRIDGES (S1090)

BORDER SECURITY COUNCIL (V0785)

Companion: HB 3642 by Corte, Frank, Identical

E Signed by the Governor 06/06/2007 5320

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Bills By Subject

Governmental Agencies: **HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**

80th Legislature Regular Session

Report Date: 8/26/2008

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HB 1851 Author: Corte, Frank

Last Action: 02/27/2007 H Referred to Defense Affairs & State-Fed Rel

Caption: Relating to certain persons that are special investigators.

Bill: HB 1851

Legislative Session: 80(R) Council Document: 80R 8020 HLT-D Add to Bill List | Add to Alert List

Last Action: 02/27/2007 H Referred to Defense Affairs & State-Fed Rel

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption Text: Relating to certain persons that are special investigators.

Author: Corte, Frank

Subjects: Crimes—Against Persons—General (I0170)

Crimes—Against Persons—Sexual (I0171)

Crimes—Against Property (I0175) - Law Enforcement (I0510)

HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF (V0595)

House Committee: Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations

Status: In committee

Actions: (descending date order)

Description	Comment	Date	Time	Journal	Page
H	Referred to Defense Affairs & State-Fed Rel	02/27/2007			614
H	Read first time	02/27/2007			614
H	Filed	02/22/2007			

HCR 64 Author: Rodriguez | Anchia

Last Action: 02/12/2007 H Referred to State Affairs

Caption: Requesting that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security reconsider all alternatives to the detention of immigrant and asylum-seeking families.

Bill: HCR 64

Legislative Session: 80(R) Council Document: 80R 3953 SR-D Add to Bill List | Add to Alert List

Last Action: 02/12/2007 H Referred to State Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption Text: Requesting that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security reconsider all alternatives to the detention of immigrant and asylum-seeking families.

Author: Rodriguez | Anchia

Coauthor: Alonzo | Bolton | Burnam | Castro | Escobar | Farrar | Gallego | Garcia | Gonzalez Toureilles | Hernandez | Herrero | Howard, Donna | Martinez Fischer | Martinez, "Mando" | Naishtat | Noriega, Rick | Olivo | Ortiz, Jr. | Quintanilla | Veasey | Villarreal

Subjects: Aliens (I0032)

Resolutions—Legislative Policy (I0685)

HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF (V0595)

House Committee: State Affairs

Status: In committee

Actions: (descending date order)

Description	Comment	Date	Time	Journal	Page
H	Referred to State Affairs	02/12/2007			416
H	Filed	02/05/2007			

HCR 173 Author: Corte, Frank

Sponsor: Wentworth

Last Action: 05/11/2007 E Signed by the Governor

Caption: Expressing support for bids by the Texas Bio- and Agro-Defense Consortium and the Texas A&M NBAF Consortium to locate the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Texas.

Bill: HCR 173

Legislative Session: 80(R) Council Document: 80R 11832 CLE-D Add to Bill List | Add to Alert List

Last Action: 05/11/2007 E Signed by the Governor

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption Text: Expressing support for bids by the Texas Bio- and Agro-Defense Consortium and the Texas A&M NBAF Consortium to locate the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Texas.

Author: Corte, Frank

Sponsor: Wentworth

Cosponsor: Van de Putte

Subjects: Resolutions—Legislative Policy (I0685)

A&M NBAF CONSORTIUM, TEXAS (N6273)

BIO- AND AGRO-DEFENSE CONSORTIUM (TBAC), TEXAS (N6272)



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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.

