



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
November 2008

Kay's Kolumn



Well, it's crunch time. I want to thank all of you who are working so hard to get out the vote for our Republican candidates. I know how difficult it is to maintain your enthusiasm when things appear grim. We have said all along that if Republicans and like-minded Reagan Democrats and Independents vote, we win. That has not changed. The challenge we have is to get those people to the polls. In these last few days I encourage each of you not to lose hope, to find your resolve, and to continue the good works you have been doing! Let's prove them wrong!

I will continue to send out campaign work opportunities to everyone via email. The last 72 hours are critical and I encourage you all to double your efforts and to step up to the plate to push us over the top!

I want to share with you how wonderful it was to distribute our dictionaries and the Peter Barnes books, signed by previous meeting speakers, to the third graders at Walker Elementary School. I wish that everyone could have been there to see the spectacular skit that these children presented in our honor and I was so proud to be a part of a Republican Women's club that understands the value of education.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



November 4.....General Election Day

November 8.....Langham Creek FFA Booster
Club Craft Show

November 11.....CFRW Meeting
10:30 AM Social
11:00 AM Program Begins

December 7.....Christmas Party

We will be back at Hearthstone Country Club for our next meeting. If you have not already done so, please RSVP. We will elect our new Officers for the 2009-2010 term of office. We will also be looking for Committee Chairs and members who want to become more involved. Regardless of the outcome of this election, we have much work to do as we begin to look at Republican Candidates for the next election cycle. We have the opportunity to look at our incumbents again and determine who will do the best job of representing our positions and values.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 7th. That is the date for our club Christmas Party and the installation of our new officers. Thank you, Rita and Roger Parrish for opening their home for us.

Later, Kay



NOVEMBER MEETING



Tuesday, November 11, 2008

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

Place: Hearthstone Country Club
7615 Ameswood
Houston, Texas

Luncheon Selection:

Raspberry-Balsamic glazed chicken with grilled vegetable medley and garlic mashed potatoes. There will be a dessert tray.

RSVP:

Reservations for the lunch must be received by **Friday, November 7th**. No reservations for lunch can be made the day of the meeting.

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SPEAKER

Joan Neuhaus Schaan

Please see following page for details on this months guest speaker.



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Joan Neuhaus Schaan and Security Along the Texas-Mexico Border

You will not want to miss this month's program presented by Joan Neuhaus Schaan on the critical issue of security along the Texas-Mexico border and increasingly so in Texas metropolitan areas. This is an issue that we all need to be informed about as there are several levels of crime associated with drug and human smuggling organizations; general crime in the form of kidnapping, burglary and theft; and national security threats posed by those that choose to exploit the unique characteristics of our border.

Joan Neuhaus Schaan is the fellow in homeland security and terrorism at the Baker Institute. The focus of the Baker Institute's Homeland Security and Terrorism Program is to serve the Houston-Harris County region and its population by enhancing regional security. The Houston-Harris County region is one of the nation's top five economic targets for terrorists. Joan has served as the executive director of the Houston-Harris County Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council. This Advisory Council serves as an independent third party on homeland security matters and advises the mayor of Houston, the county judge, City Council and Commissioners Court. She also serves on the board of directors for Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc. From 2002 to 2004, Neuhaus Schaan was mobilized to active duty for Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and was deployed to Northern Command's 24 Operational Intelligence Watch in Cheyenne Mountain. At the conclusion of her tour, she was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff insignia. Prior to mobilization, Neuhaus Schaan served as the project coordinator for the Houston Task Force on Terrorism and led the assessment of Houston's terrorism response mechanisms, a joint effort of the Office of the Mayor of Houston and the Baker Institute. Upon completion, Neuhaus Schaan was chaired as the Thomas Cook and Mary Elizabeth Edwards Fellow for Terrorism at Rice University.

Joan Neuhaus Schaan's first involvement in the field of terrorism and homeland security came as an officer with the United States Naval Reserve, where she became an antiterrorism training officer for her squadron and was responsible for the force protection briefings for deployments to the Americas and Pacific. She was appointed to the Texas Commission on Private Security by Gov. George W. Bush in 1999, and later reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry. Neuhaus Schaan received her B.A. from Williams College and her M.B.A. from the Jesse Jones Graduate School at Rice. As an expert on border security and its effect on homeland security she has testified both in Congress and before the state legislature. Neuhaus Schaan received her B.A. from Williams College and her M.B.A. from the Jesse Jones Graduate School at Rice.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

October 14, 2008

CFRW President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women to order at 11:10 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Hwy 6 North. Kay welcomed members and visitors. In Chaplain Alice McDill's absence, Millie Alford gave the invocation and led the group in prayer followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the Texas flag.

Kay introduced guests, visitors and representatives from local offices of elected officials in Membership Chairman Kelli Ray's absence. New members included Julie McCracken, Clarisa Chavez, Debby Frieden and Wendy Pereira.

Jan Ott, Awards Chairman, introduced guest speaker Congressman Michael McCaul of District 10. Congressman McCaul spoke about the recently passed bill supporting the \$700 billion "bailout" of financial institutions during the recent economic crisis. He voted against the bill and cited the fact that no reforms or oversight procedures were contained within the bill. He stressed the need for accountability, responsibility, transparency, and ethics in government. McCaul also expressed his support of developing alternative energy as well as increasing off-shore drilling. He stated that the United States must find ways to become independent of its reliance on foreign oil. He remains concerned about the country moving toward socialism under the leadership of Obama and the Democrats and away from capitalism and the free market. Regarding the war on terrorism, McCaul said the U.S. focus should be on Pakistan as a "hot spot" of concern. A question and answer period followed.

Secretary Betty Guthrie announced that the minutes for the September 9, 2008 general meeting were published in the October issue of the CFRW Newsletter. Members approved the minutes as published.

In Treasurer Dawn Shull's absence Kay reported a balance of \$8,982.44 in the treasury. Campaign disbursements have been made to Republican candidates.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chairman, announced that CFRW will be selling club items at the Langham Creek Craft Show on Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers should contact Mary. Prices on Campaign 2008 items have been reduced.

Kay circulated a sign-up sheet for members to indicate CFRW committees in which they would be interested in participating. Kay announced that TFRW has waived the fee for new members for the remainder of 2008. New memberships are now \$5.00 until 2009.

Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chairman, announced up-coming volunteer events. Victory Center on FM 1960 W. near Jones Road is in need of volunteers. CFRW has volunteered to staff office on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, but members may volunteer at other times that are convenient for them prior to November 4th. Suzanne Davis is overseeing this project. TFRW needs volunteer walkers and office workers for Congressman John Culberson of District 7, Congressman Michael McCaul of District 10, and challenger Pete Olson of District 22 during the remainder of this week.

Jan Ott, Bylaws Committee Chairman, explained the revisions to the current bylaws and amendments to the revisions. The vote to accept the amendments to the revisions of the bylaws passed. A vote was then taken to accept the proposed bylaw revisions as amended. The vote carried. Thanks were extended to Jan and committee: Barbara Dorsey and Mary Moss.

Jan Ott, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of officers for 2009 through 2010 term. Nominees are as follows: President, Mary Moss; 1st VP Programs, Rita Parrish; 2nd VP Ways and Means, Millie Alford; 3rd VP Newsletter, Betty Guthrie; Secretary, Barbara Dorsey; and Treasurer, Barbara Buxton. Thanks were extended to Jan and committee of Mary Atchison, Barbara Dorsey, Cheryl Mills, and Rita Parrish.

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Jan announced that the "Vote Today" yard signs should be available by the end of this week.

Visitor Megan Annecharico won a geranium plant in the door prize drawing.

Visitor Apostle Claver T. Kamau-Imani, host of "The Christian Politician" radio show on KCOH 1430 AM, urged support for growth of the GOP base through diversity and reaching out to persons of color who support ideals of the GOP.

Phil Owens invited members to attend the Channel 11 interview with Harris County Sheriff Tommy Thomas at the Victory 2008 GOP north headquarters on Thursday, October 16, 2008 sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Kay reminded all about the CFRW Christmas Party and installation of officers on December 7, 2008 at the home of Rita and Roger Parrish.

All are invited to help distribute dictionaries to third-graders at Walker Elementary School at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 20, 2008.

McCain/Palin yard signs are available at today's meeting.

Suzanne Davis stated that poll workers are needed on Election Day.

The next CFRW general meeting will be held at Hearthstone CC, if repairs are complete and it is back in operation. Please check newsletter and e-mails for further information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. An optional lunch followed.

Betty Guthrie, Secretary
CFRW



WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



WE NEED SOME HELP!

We definitely are going to have a booth at the **Langham Creek FFA Booster Club Craft Show, Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 9 - 5 pm.** The show is at the Cy-Fair ISD Exhibition Center, on Telge just east of 290 across from Arnold Jr. High School. There are three shifts available - 7:30 - 11 am (include set up); 11 - 2 pm; and 2 - 5:30 pm (includes clean up).

We are going to be selling our *Life of the Party* Cookbooks and Peter Barnes Books, taking voter registrations and hopefully signing up a few new members. We will need at least one voter registrant per shift.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP

Thanks - Mary





MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



Hello CFRW members! We are happy to announce 4 new members. Also, be sure and check out the website soon for the invitation to our Christmas party which will be on Sunday, December 7th at 6pm in the home of Rita and Roger Parrish.

Clarisa Chavez

Debby Frieden

Julie McCracken

Wendy Pereira

Welcome to the family ladies!

Kelli Ray



NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 - 2010 BOARD



The nominating committee consisting of Jan Ott-chairman, Mary Atchison, Barbara Dorsey, Cheryl Mills, and Rita Parrish have nominated a proposed slate of officers consisting of:

President - Mary Moss

1st Vice President (Programs) - Rita Parrish

2nd Vice President (Ways & Means) - Millie Alford

3rd Vice President (Newsletter) - Betty Guthrie

Secretary - Barbara Dorsey

Treasurer - Barbara Buxton

The committee is extremely pleased with these members who have agreed to serve the club. They have all shown that they are leaders that very unselfishly have given their time to the club in the past and believe that they will do an outstanding job for the Cy-Fair RW in the future.

The officers will be voted on at the November meeting where other members may also be nominated from the floor if that person has agreed to serve.





LEGISLATIVE - Millie Alford



As we await the outcome for our national leadership, our State is continuing to handle its business to the best of the abilities of our own elected officials. One particular area which all of us should be aware is the Health and Human Services System. The following information is an overview of five HHS agencies in Texas and what their plans are to meet the needs of the people of Texas. For a detailed look at the plan for the next few years, please access the online website. The second issue concerns disabilities. I know that many of us have connections to the needs of services, so I hope this will be encouraging. This information is taken verbatim from http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/public_policy/txlegis.asp#interim "The Coordinated Strategic Plan for the Health and Human Services System for Fiscal Years 2009-2013" was completed in the summer and is online at http://www.hhs.state.tx.us/StrategicPlans/HHS09-13/HHS_StPlan.shtml. The plan addressed challenges and opportunities faced by the five HHS agencies in Texas, as well as many important activities and initiatives that are ongoing or planned in fulfilling each agency's mission. The plan is 346 pages long, plus another 258 pages for the appendices. It is available in large print and Braille by contacting the Division for Blind Services at DARS at (512) 377-0665.

In related news, all state agencies have submitted their Legislative Appropriations Requests (LARs) for fiscal years 2010-2011, which begin Sept. 1, 2009. Using these LARs, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) drafts a budget bill for consideration by the Texas Legislature. Links to the LARs and more information on the budget process are in the September "FYI" article on State [Agency Budget Requests Completed](#).

Interim Committees Study Disability Issues

Between Legislative Sessions, House and Senate "Interim Committees" study important issues and compile information that will help guide policy decisions by subsequent legislatures. Each committee has a list of issues (or charges) that it will research and hold hearings on which are open to the public. Meeting notices are posted on the legislature's Web site at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>. More information is at [Advocacy between Legislative Sessions Can Impact Policy, Programs](#). Key issues that **House committees** are studying are at [Speaker Craddick Announces House Interim Study Charge](#) and [New Committee to Review State ICF/MR Services](#). See also [House Human Services Committee Provides E-Mail Updates on Activities](#). Key issues that **Senate committees** are studying are at [Senate Interim Study Charges Released](#).



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



By the time this newsletter is printed, we will hopefully have great news as far as the elections are concerned. Many of you have worked very hard at the Victory Center, blockwalking, registering voters and much more. Please keep track of your hours and send them over to me via email so I can send them on to Texas Federation of Republican Women. As the year winds down, there will be less campaign activity but we will still be registering voters until we reach our goal of one hundred. Hurricane Ike put us behind schedule but CFRW should be able to reach this goal quickly. Thanks for all your hard work and a big Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! You're a terrific group.



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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.

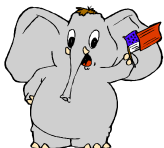
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2009 Membership Application

DATE:		<i>OFFICE USE:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL		
PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:				
CONTACT INFORMATION		PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Home Address:		Cell Number:		
City, ST Zip Code:		Work Number:		
Precinct #:		Home Number:		
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i>		Email Address:		
Title:		Spouse Name:		
BEST WAY TO REACH YOU		NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>		HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?		
CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?				
Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:	Relationship to New Member
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MEMBER TYPE				
Name Badge	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement		\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Active	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate	(Members of another club) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting	(Men) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
GETTING INVOLVED! - - CHECK OFF A MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN				
<input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership		
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact me with more information on activities at CFRW		
Please list talents/skills you possess: (Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)				
Please make check payable to Cy-Fair Republican Women			Total Amount Due:	
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