



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
December 2008

Kay's Kolumn



'Change.... it is a coming'. And, as Republicans, we are all concerned about what those changes will be. With the economic crisis, bailouts looming, great Republican judges gone, Congress teetering on a super-majority and quality health care in jeopardy... Barack Obama leading us through all of this is going to be change we can't afford. We, as Republican Women, will need to work very, very hard to make sure that the "Change" he wants does not happen. Not an easy task. And while I do bless the peaceful, generational passing of the torch to a Black American President and acknowledge this historic accomplishment, I know that it is the Republican policies that have paved the way for this moment. We have to find a way to educate the electorate and bring all Americans into the GOP fold. I said the task would not be easy.

The GOP leadership and Republicans in office must be held to what we elected them to do. We need candidates who will define the core principles that unite us such as smaller government, lower taxes, national security, personal responsibility, and the protection of our constitution and the rule of law. We need leaders who will carry our message with integrity, inspiration, articulation, determination and jubilation.

From the grass roots up, we must once again re-build our Republican party. Something Republican Women are familiar with. It has happened before, and it will happen again. And I know that our club, with the election of a wonderful new board, led by Mary Moss as our new club President, along with Rita Parrish, 1st VP Programs; Dr Millie Alford, 2nd VP Ways & Means; Betty Guthrie, Newsletter; Barbara Dorsey, Secretary; and Barbara Buxton, Treasurer, will do just that. I congratulate each of them.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- December 7Christmas Party at the home of Rita and Roger Parrish
- January 13.....CFRW Meeting with our Special Guest Toni Anne Dashiell, President of Texas Federation of Republican Women
- January 20.....Greater Houston Council Annual Nuts and Bolts Seminar - 11:00 am

We still have important work to do on the special election to replace Senator Kyle Janek who resigned from the Senatorial District 17 seat. The seat was left vacant during the general election when no candidate received a majority of votes. The special election will be held on December 16th. CFRW will be block walking for Joan Huffman on both Saturday, December 6th and Saturday, December 13th. So, please mark your calendar and join us as well to help her. This is a critical race that we must help her win. More details will follow shortly

Closing on a personal note, I want to say how honored I am to have served as your President. It has been a privilege to work with such dedicated and talented women. Thank you all for your support and friendship. And I look forward to working hand-in-hand with the ladies of CFRW to re-claim our place in the political landscape and re-build the GOP.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party as we install our new Board and enjoy a wonderful evening. See you then.

Later, Kay



DECEMBER MEETING



Sunday, December 7, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Home of Rita and Roger Parrish
12406 Francel Lane
Cypress, Texas
(In Longwood - Key Map 328X)

Please go to <http://cfrw.net> and click on meetings to view evite to Christmas party with a map included.

Please Note!!! This is a gated street - if the gate is not open, scroll down to Parrish on the screen and enter the numbers listed. This will ring into the home and someone will open the gate from there.

Christmas is the season to be surrounded by family and friends. We are truly blessed to count you and your family as friends.

Please join CFRW
On Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 pm
to celebrate the season
Hors'douvers and drinks will be served!

PLEASE RSVP BY NOON ON FRIDAY - DECEMBER 5th

Cost is \$5.00 per person

Please RSVP below then
mail your RSVP Check payable to CFRW
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**Texas State Representative Gary Elkins
District 135
will be present to install our new officers.**



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WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



CFRW has been very successful in the past few years raising funds to support our Republican candidates and our literacy endeavors. A BIG thanks to everyone of you who helped plan and execute our High Heels and High Tea event and our *Life of the Party* Cookbooks. AND, thanks to all of you who bought tickets, books, shirts and the other items CFRW had to offer. Our success is a direct result to all of the hard work and generosity of our members.

We still have plenty of our *Life of the Party* Cookbooks! They make great Christmas gifts for that hard to buy for sister-in-law, daughter or son just starting out, or neighbor. We will offer them at the craft show price of \$15 through Christmas.

The Peter Barnes Collection of autographed children's books make great Christmas gifts as well. What a wonderful present for that child or teacher in your life. Give them a fun way to learn (or teach) about the best system of government. Each autographed book is \$18, or buy any 5 titles and receive a \$10 discount (5 @\$18 = \$90 less \$10 - TOTAL PRICE \$80).

Also available are our exclusive CFRW denim shirts - \$30 and red t-shirts - \$35; patriotic reader glasses - \$10; and the ever stylist elephant slider/pin (gold or silver) - \$15.

Mary



MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



Hello CFRW Members!

Well, the end of the year is just around the corner and we are marching on to the holidays. We have begun our 2009 Membership Enrollment so it's time to sign-up again. It only takes a few minutes so go to the website and apply online today! The fee for active membership is \$30. A big thanks to all of you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your membership chairperson. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many of you. Hope to see you at the Christmas party on December 7th!

Kelli Ray





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
November 11, 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. In Chaplain Alice McDill's absence, Joy Gregory 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 guests Margaret Montgomery, Carole Harrison, and Kristen Govantes.

Jan Ott, Awards Chairman, introduced guest speaker Joan Neuhaus Schaan, fellow in homeland security and terrorism at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. Her informative and provocative presentation focused on the critical issue of violence and security along the Texas-Mexico border, in Nuevo Laredo particularly, and within the interior of Mexico. Human trafficking, drug trafficking, organized crime/cartels, kidnappings, violence, and corruption within the Mexican judicial system have reached critical proportions. The impact on the economy and human life are a threat to Mexican democracy and are of vital concern to the United States and, especially, to our border states. A question and answer period followed.

Kay thanked all members who have volunteered their time and talents to the recent political campaign.

Secretary Betty Guthrie announced that the minutes of the October 14, 2008 general meeting were published in the November issue of the CFRW Newsletter. Members approved the minutes as published.

In Treasurer Dawn Shull's absence Kay reported a balance of \$8,943.11 in the treasury. The CFRW scholarship fund has a balance of \$100.30.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chairman, announced that CFRW members registered voters and sold club items at the Langham Creek FFA Craft Show on Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Remaining cookbooks, Peter Barnes' children's books and patriotic items are available for purchase.

Membership Chairman Kelli Ray announced that the 2009 CFRW Membership Forms are now available at the meeting and on the Web site at www.cfrw.net. New and renewing members paying 2009 CFRW dues must complete the entire membership form. The organization's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31.

Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chairman, asked volunteers to report volunteer hours to her as soon as possible. A sheet was circulated for members to report service hours.

Hospitality Chairman Joy Gregory announced that the CFRW Christmas Party will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at the home of Rita and Roger Parrish. Per person cost is \$5.00. A sign-up sheet for committee volunteers was circulated. The Committee will meet at Joy's home on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. to plan the event.

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In Caring for America Chairman Cheryl Mills' absence Kay collected caps knitted/crocheted by volunteers to be sent overseas to our troops.

The election of CFRW officers was held. The slate was read and no nominations from the floor were submitted. Jan Ott moved that the slate of candidates be accepted. Joy Gregory seconded. Members voted to elect the following officers for the 2009 through 2010 term: 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.

Crystal Faver won the door prize drawing.

Suzanne Davis announced her candidacy for Emergency Services District Commissioner position in the May election. This encompasses the greater Cy-Fair area. She asked members to provide her with the names of our individual homeowners associations so that she could make arrangements with them to speak at their meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m. An optional lunch followed.

Betty Guthrie
Secretary
CFRW



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



Wow! What a busy year Cy-Fair Republican Women have had! It seems we are just now beginning to catch our breath from a year that started with our many important conventions, such as the Senatorial District Convention and The Republican State Convention and ended with many hours of volunteering for the local, state and national elections. The total number of volunteer hours for our club are still being tallied and I'm sure it will come as no surprise to you that these numbers are impressive. We are still volunteering into the month of December with our efforts to assist Joan Huffman in her run-off race against Chris Bell for Senate District 17. There will be block-walking opportunities for Joan on December 6th and 13th so please set aside some time to help with this important race. December is a light month for Campaign Activities, with little to do but sit back with a warm cup of hot chocolate and reflect on time well spent in 2008 as we look towards our future work to make the Republican Party the best it can be and the leader of the future. Thank you Cy-Fair Republican Women for an awesome 2008. I look forward to volunteering with you next year while enjoying your friendship at the same time.

Pam Waldren





LEGISLATIVE - Millie Alford



Lest you think the Legislation hasn't been busy this year, you can look at the statistics on their status report for the 81st Regular Session. The House bills which have been introduced and the Senate bills which have been introduced by two who represent our area and interests are listed, along with the websites where you can learn more about the bills.

I'd like to thank all of you for helping and encouraging me these past two years as I've worked as Legislative Liaison. I still have a lot to learn about the inner-workings of our State government, but I appreciate every opportunity and look forward to the future of our organization.

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

81st Regular Session - 2009

Status	HB	HCR	HJR	HR	SB	SCR	SJR	SR	Total HB & SB	Total
Introduced	317	3	17	39	288	1	8	0	605	673
Passed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vetoed	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=legislativestatics>

Texas Legislature

Filed House Bills

81st Legislature Regular Session

Report Date: 11/21/2008

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=81R&ID=housefiled>

- HJR 21 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/10/2008 H Filed
Caption: Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

- HR 41 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Commemorating the dedication of Ursula Stephens Elementary School in Katy.

- HR 42 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating Stephanie Springer Middleton on her retirement from the Harris County Tax Office.

- HR 43 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating absolutely! Magazines on its receipt of a 2007 Keep Texas Beautiful Media Award.

- HR 44 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating Cy-Fair Magazine on its receipt of five Best of Texas Awards from the Texas Community Newspapers Association.

- HR 45 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating Katy Magazine on its receipt of eight Best of Texas Awards from the Texas Community Newspapers Association.

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LEGISLATIVE - Continued



- HR 46 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: In memory of U.S. Army Master Sergeant James Curtis Coons.
- HR 47 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating Eunice A. Cooksey of Clifton on her 90th birthday.
- HR 48 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/19/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating Marty Wheeler on her receipt of the Katy ISD 2007-2008 award for excellence in school nursing.
- HR 49 Author: Callegari
Last Action: 11/20/2008 H Filed
Caption: Congratulating James and Ellen Box on their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Texas Legislature
Filed Senate Bills
81st Legislature Regular Session
Report Date: 11/21/2008**

For Senate Bills, you can access

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=81R&ID=senatefiled>

- SB 299 Author: Patrick, Dan
Last Action: 11/14/2008 S Filed
Caption: Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.
- SB 300 Author: Patrick, Dan
Last Action: 11/17/2008 S Filed
Caption: Relating to eliminating certain mandates on school districts.
- SJR 13 Author: Patrick, Dan
Last Action: 11/14/2008 S Filed
Caption: Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.
- SB 308 Author: Patrick, Dan
Last Action: 11/20/2008 S Filed
Caption: Relating to the number of charters the State Board of Education may grant for open-enrollment charter schools.
- SB 276 Author: Patrick, Dan
Last Action: 11/12/2008 S Filed
Caption: Relating to the determination of the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.
- SB 182 Author: Patrick, Dan
Last Action: 11/10/2008 S Filed
Caption: Relating to informed consent to an abortion.

Millie



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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.

