



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
January 2008

Kay's Kolumn



Happy 2008! I hope this writing finds you full of wonderful Christmas memories with your friends and loved ones.

2008 is a year of opportunities... Let's take advantage of all of them!

We have a new "home" for our club with "Lunch at Hearthstone on the second Tuesday of each month". I have already heard some wonderful feedback about this change and truly feel it will be a good move. I am confident that the consistency will aid in the recruitment of new members and I would love to see our membership doubled in 2008. What do you say?

Now, on to 2008 and winning back congress, holding onto Texas seats, gaining back others and, keeping a Republican in the White House. There will be many events and opportunities to be a part of the win. Cy-Fair Republican Women will be participating en-mass.

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will start off the New Year with an incredible event celebrating their 45th Anniversary and the Texas Victory '08 campaign with a luncheon on Thursday, January 31. There will be many elected officials and other dignitaries in attendance. Dr. Timothy Roth will be our speaker. Those who saw him at the convention in El Paso know that you will be in for a treat! I hope you make plans to attend this event.

Then, on Saturday the 2nd of February we will be off to San Antonio for the TFRW Women's Leadership conference. This is an opportunity to learn about the workings of our club leadership positions as it relates to TFRW. I hope we have lots of members attending.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Jan 8, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM
Hearthstone Country Club
- Jan 15, 2008....Greater Houston Council Meeting
- Jan. 31, 2008..Greater Houston Council Fundraiser
- Feb 2 , 2008...TFRW Leadership Workshop
San Antonio, Texas

Jan Ott will be giving us details soon about the trip to Washington DC in April. She and Carolyn Hodges did such a wonderful job of putting together the last one that I know this one will be even better.

Finally, I want to challenge everyone to do one more thing this political season. Do one thing that you have not yet done in the political process. If you have never voted, vote and bring someone with you. If you have never been to a precinct convention, go and bring someone with you. If you have never served as a delegate to a convention do it!

Our Primaries are just around the corner and I want to encourage all of you to pick a candidate to help with his/her campaign and become involved in the process. If you would like to go even further and work at the polls, contact your precinct chairman and volunteer. If you would like to BE a Precinct Judge, that is even better... they are always desperately needed. There are so many ways to become involved. Just do it.

I look forward to working with everyone again this year. I appreciate your support and involvement as we grow together in 2008 to double the membership of CFRW.

Happy New Year . . . Kay



JANUARY MEETING



TUESDAY JANUARY 8

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

Place: HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, Texas

RSVP:

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Online at CFRW.net
No later than Monday, January 7th

OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS :

ROGER WILLIAMS CHAIRMAN, TEXAS VICTORY 2008

We have an exciting program for our January meeting. We are honored to have Roger Williams who is chairman of Texas victory 2008 for our special guest speaker. This is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a meeting.

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**ROGER WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN, TEXAS VICTORY 2008**

Roger Williams' resume covers the gambit from small business owner to political activist to statesman, Roger Williams has always been committed to bringing the highest level of customer service to his clientele – the people of Texas. He was sworn in as Texas' Secretary of State on February 8, 2005. As Chief Election Officer for Texas, Secretary Williams worked to ensure the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout the state. The Secretary worked tirelessly to promote economic development, investment and job creation in Texas.

Williams' passion for principled, conservative leadership has led him to assist the political efforts of Republican candidates from the White House to the county courthouse. He currently serves as Chairman of Texas Victory 2008, the coordinated, statewide get-out-the-vote effort for the Republican ticket. He also currently chairs the Republican National Finance Committee's Eagles Program, a position to which he was previously appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001. He served as Regional Finance Chairman for Governor Bush in 1994 and 1998 before he went on to serve as the North Texas Chairman for the Bush/Cheney 2000 campaign as well as the North Texas Finance Chairman and National Grassroots Fundraising Chairman for Bush/Cheney '04, Inc. He has also served as State Finance Chair for John Cornyn for U.S. Senate, Inc., in 2002 and as the National Director of the "Patriots" program for Senator Cornyn.

Williams has been a small business owner in Fort Worth and Weatherford, Texas, for 35 years. He is a former professional baseball player with the Atlanta Braves organization and head baseball coach at TCU.

Williams and his wife, Patty, currently reside in Weatherford and have two daughters attending TCU.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

December 11, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 7:15 p.m. in her home. Alice McDill gave the invocation and a prayer followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests, including Donna Anderson, Gail Robinson, Chris Ellet and daughter Charlene, Ed Hubbard, candidate for 1st Court of Appeals, Phil Owens for Charles Bacarisse, Gail Stanart for Stan Stanart, candidate for Harris County Dept. of Ed., Kelli Ray (member) for Gary Elkins, Stephanie DeHondt (member) for Corbin Van Arsdale, Kay Clinton for Dwayne Bohac, and Kara Mayfield for Mike McCaul.

The minutes of the November 13, 2007 were approved as published in the December newsletter.

In Dawn Shull's absence, Kay announced that the balance in the treasury as of December 11, 2007 was \$10,192.00

Legislative Chair, Millie Alford, presented a brief program about the flag of the United States followed by a fun flag trivia quiz.

Stephanie DeHondt, Program Chair, introduced the guest speaker, Carolyn Garrard, Public Relations Coordinator for Covenant House Texas. Ms. Garrard presented a video about Covenant House followed by a most interesting presentation on the background, purpose and programs of this organization. The non-denominational organization provides "emergency shelter, mental health and substance abuse counseling, educational and vocational assistance, transitional living, street outreach, runaway prevention and parenting programs in addition to providing the basic necessities of food, clothing, medical care, and a safe shelter." Covenant House pamphlets were distributed. Individual members made contributions of toiletries as well as monetary donations. Kay presented Ms. Garrard with one of the Peter Barnes' children's books for her signature. The book will be donated to Covenant House library.

Newsletter Chair, Rita Parrish, announced that the deadline for January 2008 newsletter is **December 19, 2007** due to the holidays.

Jan Ott, Bylaws Committee Chair, distributed the Proposed Changes to Bylaws of CFRW and the Proposed Amendments to Proposed Changes. After a discussion Millie Alford moved to accept the proposed amendments to the proposed bylaws changes. Stephanie seconded the motion which was passed by the membership. After discussion on the proposed changes to the bylaws, the membership passed a favorable vote.

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Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, reported the new membership forms are now available and encouraged members to pay their dues for the 2008 year. The forms are also available online on the CFRW website. Payment should be sent to Kelli or through PayPal online.

Old Business:

- Kay announced that all CFRW general meetings in 2008 will be daytime meetings with a social time at 10:30 a.m. followed by an 11:00 a.m. meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at Hearthstone Country Club.
- It was reported that a group of members delivered the dictionaries to the third grade students at Walker Elementary School.
- The Greater Houston Council Fundraiser will be held on January 31, 2008 at InterContinental Hotel on 610W at 10 a.m. Deadline for reservations is January 18, 2007. The speaker will be Dr. Timothy Roth. Cost of tickets will be @ \$50 per person. Each RW club is expected to purchase a table for ten (10). Members voted to ask US Representative Mike McCaul and Texas Representative, Corbin Van Arsdale, to be guests of our club. Millie Alford volunteered to chair a committee to create a table centerpiece for the event highlighting our club.

New Business:

- The TFRW Leadership Workshop will be February 2-3, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. Information will be coming in the near future.
- Kay read a letter of appreciation from Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller.
- CFRW is in need of a Hospitality Chair and a Webmaster. Anyone interested should contact Kay.
- Information will be coming about the TFRW trip to Washington, D.C. in March 2008.
- Stephanie announced that Corbin Van Arsdale will need volunteers for his campaign activities in January 2008.

Alice McDill won the door prize, a US Flag.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Betty Guthrie
CFRW: Secretary





Happy New Year! As we begin 2008, we realize that our work as a grass roots organization is cut out for us. We must be mindful of our obligations to the Republican Party and to our organization of Cy Fair Republican Women. We need to encourage everyone to get out and vote. We must campaign in as many aspects as possible.....walks, registrations, personal conversations, and voting our beliefs. It is our duty as American citizens to become a part of the system. This is a very important year in our country's history and each one of us can make an impact. The following dates are included to remind us of the calendar of our state and to help us become aware that our state continues the work of our local neighborhoods and leads us into the national arena. Get ready for an exciting year!

TEXAS Dates of Interest

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Primary election for legislative and other offices is held
[Election Code, sec. 41.007]

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Primary runoff election for legislative and other offices is held
[Election Code, sec. 41.007]

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

General election for legislative and other offices is held
[Election Code, Sec. 41.002]

Monday, November 10, 2008

Prefiling of legislation for the 81st Legislature begins
[House Rule 8, Sec. 7, and Senate Rule 7.04(a)]

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 (1st day)

81st Legislature convenes at noon
[Government Code, Sec. 301.001]

Friday, March 13, 2009 (60th day)

Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor
[House Rule 8, Sec. 8; Senate Rule 7.07(b)]

Monday, June 1, 2009 (140th day)

Last day of 81st Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate
[Sec. 24(b), Art. III, Texas Constitution]

Sunday, June 21, 2009 (20th day following final adjournment)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session
[Sec. 14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution]

Monday, August 31, 2009 (91st day following final adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law
[Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]





Life of the Party Cookbooks

We still have plenty of our *Life of the Party Cookbooks*! Buy one for yourself and give them as gifts. They are a great addition to any cook's library. Books will be available for purchase at the January meeting at the **HH&HT** price of \$20.

If any of you have any suggestions on how or where we can sell some of our cookbooks, I really would appreciate the advice.

Peter Barnes Books

We have re-ordered these wonderful children's books, so we have plenty of each title. These make great gifts for the kids in your lives - children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Or make a donation to a school or church library. What a fun way to educate our children about this great nation and how our system works.

Autographed books are \$18 each. Or get all five autographed titles for \$90.

I'll have them at the January meeting.

CFRW Denim Shirts and T-shirts

CFRW has lots of events coming up that you will want to be sporting our CFRW apparel. Check with me at the January meeting to purchase or order your shirts.

That's it for this time -

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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.

