



# *Cy-Fair Republican Women*

**NEWSLETTER**

*March 2008*

## *Kay's Kolumn*



Our Candidate's Forum was very well attended. I believe that it's good to be able to see and hear from candidates without a filter. We presented very good questions and hopefully we asked the ones that were important to you. Thanks to Pam Waldren, Joy Gregory, Barbara Dorsey, Rita Parrish and Jan Ott for putting together our questions.

We appreciate Representative Van Arsdale, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Bacarisse for participating. And we are very sorry that there was a miscommunication with Judge Emmet's office and he regrets his absence and extends his apology.

But, remember it's not over yet! We are in election "crunch time".... These last few days are crucial for getting out the vote. While I am thrilled with the level of support our members have given their candidates... I want to encourage them to keep up the good work until 7:00 PM March 4th. Because it will not be over until then!

I hope that everyone has voted early. And that you brought people with you! This saves our candidates time and money, because if you have already voted, they won't need to contact you to encourage you to go vote... especially in "crunch time." Early voting ends February 29. Please, if you have not already done so... vote early! Those last few hours are critical to our candidates.

A very big "thanks" to Pam Waldren for all of her hard work as our new Campaign Activities Chairman. She has done an excellent job as she has jumped right in and kept everyone up to date on campaigns and helped our members work for the candidates that they support. Please make sure to give her the count of all the hours you work so that she can keep track of them.

### **CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Mar 4, 2008.....Primary Election Day w/Precinct Convention after Polls close
- Mar 11, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM  
Hearthstone Country Club
- Mar 29, 2008.....County/Senatorial Dist Convention
- Mar 31, 2008.....1st day of early voting in primary runoffs
- Apr 4, 2008.....Last day of early voting in Primary runoffs
- Apr 8, 2008.....Primary Runoff Elections

Also, while I thanking people, I want to thank Barbara Dorsey, Registration Chairman and Joy Gregory our Hospitality Chairman for streamlining our registration and check-in process. These positions are the window to our club and they are doing a great job!

Be sure to attend your Republican Precinct Convention that will begin about 7:30 on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the polling location where your primary was held. Even if you voted early you are still eligible to attend. Also, if you are available on March 29<sup>th</sup>, be sure to put your name in the hat that night to be a Convention Delegate representing your Precinct for the Senatorial Convention which is the next step in the election process.

Next month's program will depend on the outcome of the Primary. We hope to be able to bring in candidates of any run-off elections. So I hope that everyone will be able to make that meeting. Until then, please keep up the good job!

Later, Kay



## MARCH MEETING



# TUESDAY MARCH 11

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

**Place:** HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB  
7615 Ameswood Road  
Houston, Texas

### Luncheon Selections:

Choice #1: Salad Trio: Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad and Tuna  
Salad on a bed of Lettuce

Choice #2: Blackened Catch of the Day with Rice Pilaf  
and Chef Veggies

### RSVP:

No later than Monday, March 10th

Online at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net)

or

Joy Gregory: 281-463-8203 [www.joygregory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.joygregory@sbcglobal.net)

## PROGRAM

We hope to be able to have some of the run-off candidates speak at our March meeting. Please check the web-site for Program Details after the election.



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## WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



### ***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 March meeting for \$20.

***CFRW would like to participate in some local craft/community gathering type shows to not only try to sell some of our cook books, but also try to enlist new members. If you are involved with any organizations that will be holding this type of event, please let me know so that we can possibly participate.***

**PLEASE NOTE** - as hard as we tried not to, there is an error on page 38 of the cookbook. Barbara Dorsey's "Marinated Asparagus" should read "1 bunch asparagus" **OR** "1-1/2 cans whole green asparagus." Sorry for the inconvenience.

### **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 March meeting. They would make a wonderful Easter basket stuffer!

### **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 March meeting to purchase or order your shirts.

**That's it for this time - Mary**



## CARING FOR AMERICA - Cheryl Mills



The Operation Interdependence organization is very thankful for our support. We will have future opportunities to Support Our Troops at our monthly meetings through note writing and contributions to pay for postage for the boxes sent to the troops. Also, the distribution center is open to all volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am, located in the shopping center on Jones Road just north of Cypress N. Houston. Please join us at our meetings and become involved in this worthy activity!

### **Cheryl Mills**



## MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



Hey there! For those of you who haven't done so, it's time to download the membership form and get it turned in! You wouldn't want to miss being a part of CFRW!! Go to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) and click on the Membership Form link. You can mail the completed form and payment to the address on the form or bring it to the next scheduled meeting.

**Kelli Ray**





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# MINUTES

## CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

February 12, 2008

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President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 11:05 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Chaplain, Alice McDill, led the group in prayer followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kelli Ray, Membership Chair, introduced elected officials, candidates, and guests.

The meeting was temporarily suspended and Kay introduced the following candidates who were taking part in the Candidates Forum: for Texas Representative District 130 Representative Corbin Van Arsdale and Allen Fletcher; for Harris County Judge Charles Bacarisse. County Judge Ed Emmett was unable to participate. Kay moderated the forum by presenting the questions posed by the membership and attendees. Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chair, and Debbie Lemons were in charge of timing the speakers. An informative and enthusiastic forum ensued. Kay thanked the participants for taking time from their busy schedules to be a part of the Candidates Forum.

The business meeting continued after a short break. Lunch was served.

Betty Guthrie, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the January 8, 2008 general meeting of the CFRW were published in the February 2008 issue of the newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

In the absence of Dawn Shull, Treasurer, Kay reported a balance of \$9,943.78 as of January 24, 2008.

Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, announced the new membership form is ready and can be downloaded from the CFRW Web site, [www.CFRW.net](http://www.CFRW.net). No new members were added since the last meeting.

Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chair, reported that Precinct Conventions will be held directly following the close of the primary election on March 4, 2008. She encouraged all of our members to attend. Jan Ott, Awards Chair and past President, added that in order to attend the State Convention, one must have attended a Precinct Convention. The State Convention will be held in Houston. Pam said that emails will be sent to announce the Precinct Conventions. Members are reminded to turn in volunteer hours for Pam to record and submit to TFRW.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chair, announced that cookbooks, shirts, and Barnes' children's books are available for sale.

### Old Business:

- Kay circulated the photo of the centerpieces, the cookbook/kitchen baskets, which Millie Alford created for the Greater Houston Council of Republican Women luncheon and anniversary celebration. Members appreciated Millie's creativity and efforts.

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### New Business:

- Jan announced the annual Washington, DC trip is scheduled for April 21-24, 2008. Activities include a dinner at the Capitol with Senators, tour of the White House, speakers and a side trip to Annapolis, MD. More information will be forthcoming.
- Barbara Dorsey, Registration Chair, introduced Mrs. Corbin Van Arsdale.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Betty Guthrie

CFRW: Secretary



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## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren

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As we all know, the Primary Elections are right around the corner, Tuesday, March 4 and this presents a terrific opportunity for all CFRW members to join in on our project we've named Project Precinct Participation. This is an effort by our club to encourage all of our members to get involved at the grassroots level and attend their Precinct Convention and through that process, eventually attend the County/Senatorial Convention and ultimately the State Convention (held in Houston!!). What is a Precinct Convention? The precinct convention is the first step in the Party Process. A precinct convention is held on the night of the primary election at each polling place after the polls close. Anyone voting in the Primary in that precinct may attend and will be considered a delegate to the precinct convention. Please make sure that the election clerk stamps your voter registration card with the Party name when you vote. At the convention you will first elect permanent convention officers, then delegates to the State Senatorial District Convention and finally, consider and vote on any resolutions offered by the delegates. The County/Senatorial District Convention is on March 29, location to be announced, and the State Convention will be on June 12 - 14. What an opportunity this is for all of us to get involved in this historical election, particularly with the State Convention being held in our own city!

In addition, March 4 is an awesome opportunity to recruit some new CFRW members! Look for emails from me to help pass out CFRW fliers to potential members as they exit the polls. This would be a fun thing to do with a friend or a great way to make a new one. In closing, I'd like to say let's get fired up about Project Precinct Participation and shoot for 100% CFRW participation and recruit some new members too! Please feel free to email me with any ideas or additional information at [geopamw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geopamw@sbcglobal.net).

Pam Waldren







Lest you think our representatives have not been busy, please access this website for the current bills which are in the House. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/statdoc/bills/hb1401.shtml> There are hundreds of bills which involve issues from taxes to territories, and we're privileged to be able to access this information any time.

Images of the bills and resolutions passed during the 79th Legislative session will now be made available by the University of North Texas through their Texas Laws and Resolutions Archive located at: <http://texinfo.library.unt.edu/sessionlaws/browse.htm>.

The images of the bills and resolutions are provided in a PDF format for your convenience.

The second part of this report will focus on the upcoming elections. If you access this website, you will find information which is a guideline for the upcoming elections. It's everything (almost) you ever wanted to know about the next elections, but didn't know who to ask. ☺ <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/whatisontheballot.shtml>

### What is on the Ballot?

March 4, 2008

#### Offices Up For Election In 2008 :

**President** 4 yr. term - **U. S. Senator** 6 yr. term- John Cornyn

**All 32 United States Representatives** 2 yr. term, **Railroad Commissioner** 6 yr. term- Michael Williams, **Chief Justice, Supreme Court** 6 yr. term -Wallace Jefferson

**2 members of the Supreme Court** 6 yr. term -J. Dale Wainwright, Place 7, Phil Johnson, Place 8

**3 members of the Court of Criminal Appeals** 6 yr. term -Thomas Price, Place 3

Paul Womack, Place 4 Cathy Cochran, Place 9

**15 State Senators** 4 yr. term-Districts 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31

**All 150 State Representatives** 2 yr. term

**7 Members, State Board of Education** 4 yr. term -Districts 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14

**Chief Justice of Courts of Appeals** 6 yr. term - W. Kenneth Law, 3rd Court of Appeals

Alma L. López, 4th Court of Appeals, Brian Quinn, 7th Court of Appeals, Richard Barajas, **8th**

**Court of Appeals**, Steve McKeithen, **9th Court of Appeals**, James T. (Jim) Worthen, **11th**

**Court of Appeals**, Adele Hedges, **14th Court of Appeals**, **Various Court of Appeals Justices**

6 yr. term

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**Various District Judges, Criminal District Judges** 4 yr. term, **Family District Judges**

**District Attorneys** 4 yr. term, **Sheriff** 4 yr. term, **County Court at Law** 4 yr. term

**County Attorneys** 4 yr. term **Tax Assessor-Collector** 4 yr. term

**County Commissioners, Precincts 1 & 3** 4 yr. term, **Justices of the Peace** 4 yr. term

**Constable** 4 yr. term

### Important Dates

**February 29, 2008** (4th day before election)

Last day to vote early in person.

**March 4, 2008** Primary Election Day

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Early voting clerk's office is open.

**March 13 or 14, 2008** (9th or 10th day after election)

County Executive Committee must canvass returns of election no earlier than 6:00 p.m., March 13, 2008 and no later than 1:00 p.m., March 14, 2008.

Ballot drawing must be conducted for candidates involved in runoff election for county and precinct offices.

**March 19, 2008** (22nd day before election) (by rule)

State Executive Committee to canvass returns for state and district offices. State Executive Committee to certify candidates as soon as possible.

State Executive Committee to certify to county chairs names of candidates to be printed on the run-off ballot.

**March 20, 2008**

First day for County Executive Committee to post notice of the drawing for place on primary runoff ballot for statewide and district candidates.

**March 31-April 4, 2008** (8th-4th day before runoff election)

Early voting period for primary runoff election.

**April 8, 2008** Primary Runoff Election Day.

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Early voting clerk's office is open.

**April 17 or 18, 2008** (9th or 10th day after runoff election)

County Executive Committee must canvass election returns no earlier than 6:00 p.m., Thursday April 17, 2008 and no later than 1:00 p.m., April 18, 2008.

**May 7 or 8, 2008** (19th and 20th day after local canvass at county seat for runoff election)

Last day for County Chair to certify nominees from the primary runoff election for placement on general election ballot. The exact day is based on the 20th day after the canvass actually took place.

**Millie Alford**



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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.

