



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

May 2008

Kay's Kolumn



Are you ready for some Action? What an exciting time to be a Republican Women! And especially a member of Cy-Fair Republican Women! I dare say that the very reason that you joined a Republican Women's club was to become involved in the process. Well ladies, you are about to be given the opportunity to do just that. While the Democrats are busy showing their true colors... we will be building our party and preparing for the hard work ahead. With the State Convention just around the corner... and in HOUSTON... we will have lots of opportunities to be involved. I can not stress enough (again) the importance of keeping the White House and regaining lost seats both in Texas and Washington.

And Cy-Fair Republican Women is on a mission to re-enforce the troops! Our May meeting will be a "Membership Invitation Meeting" and I hope that everyone will bring a guest or two and invite them to join us. We will have a prize for the member who brings the most guests and a little something for the members who join that day. And everyone will be in for a treat with our speaker Commissioner Steve Radack. So please introduce your friends and neighbors to our wonderful club by inviting them to be your guest in May.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- May 10, 2008.....College Board and Bond Election
- May 13, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM
Hearthstone Country Club
- May 20, 2008.....Greater Houston Council
Meeting with Speaker Judge
Bob Hebert, 9:30 AM,
10:00 Program, 2nd Floor,
Compass Bank, Kirby@San Felipe
- June 12-14..... Republican Party of Texas
Convention, Houston, Texas

Be sure and check out the State Convention Information Board at the meeting. It will have all the information about how you can be involved. There are several volunteer opportunities for those who are interested. Also, TFRW is needing volunteers to help with their booth. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

We still have the May 10th College Board and Bond Elections, Water District Elections and Emergency Service District Elections so be sure and get yourselves and others to the polls.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May Meeting.... and I look forward to meeting your guests!

Later, Kay



MAY MEETING



TUESDAY MAY 13

Time: 10:30 AM - Coffee/Social
11:15 AM - Speaker/Meeting

Place: HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, Texas

Lunch Following Meeting:
\$15.00 per person with lunch
\$3.00 per person without lunch

Luncheon Selections:

Choice #1: Cobb Salad with grilled chicken, dressing on the side.
Choice #2: Lemon chicken with garlic mashed potatoes and chef veggies.

Both served with Hot Rolls.

RSVP:

No later than Monday, May 12th

Online at www.cfrw.net

or

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PROGRAM

Please join us in welcoming

County Commissioner Steve Radack

After 11 years with the Houston Police Department and a four-year term as the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable, Steve Radack was first elected Commissioner of Precinct Three in 1988. Voters have reelected him four times. During his more than 20 years as a member of Commissioners Court, Steve Radack has pushed for greater efficiency at all levels of local government by supporting programs aimed at promoting the intelligent use of taxpayer dollars.

Precinct Three encompasses 464 square miles and has more than 900,000 residents. It is one of the fastest growing and most diverse areas in the region, containing both large segments of rural agricultural land and densely populated pockets of urban growth. Commissioner Radack has worked to keep pace with that growth by continually improving Precinct Three's infrastructure and participating in regional transportation initiatives aimed at bettering mobility.



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WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



Membership Book Updates and Ads

We have been very fortunate to receive several ads from our elected officials - both local and national. These ads along with pages of updates to our by-laws, standing rules and membership rosters will be available at our *June meeting*. **If you have not re-newed your membership, please do so quickly so your name will appear in this edition of the membership book.** If you're not sure if you have re-newed, contact Kelly Ray, our Membership chair.

Life of the Party Cookbooks

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

If any of you belong to or know of group that is sponsoring a bazaar, craft show, or civic event where we can sell some of our cookbooks and have a membership drive as well, PLEASE LET ME KNOW! THANKS!

Peter Barnes Books

We have plenty of these wonderful children's books. 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

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 May meeting to purchase or order your shirts.

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



CARING FOR AMERICA - Cheryl Mills



Cy-Fair Republican Women contributed \$50 and several hand-written notes for the troops to Operation Interdependence for the month of April. Thanks to our members for their ongoing support of our troops! Please remember to come to our next meeting prepared to write notes and donate money for the postage that OI needs for shipping care packages. You may also donate online and donations are tax deductible when given directly to Operation Interdependence. The Volunteer center is located at Jones Road and Cypress North Houston (behind the bank) and you may help with preparing boxes for shipment on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 1pm. Hope to see you there!

Cheryl Mills





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

April 8, 2008

President, Kay Waghorne, brought the meeting to order at 10:09 am. The invocation and pledges were led by Chaplain, Alice McDill. Membership Chairman, Kelli Ray, welcomed the guests and representatives from the offices of local elected officials and candidates running for office. New member, Ruth Houston, was greeted. She also welcomed new members who joined today.

Program Chairman, Stephanie DeHondt, introduced the speaker, Dr. David G. Anthony, Superintendent of Cy-Fair ISD. He spoke about the condition of the CFISD's finances and the progress it has made in testing and service to the community. He discussed two handouts which gave the financial information on the school districts in the Houston/Harris County area, and encouraged membership to stay involved in the issues which affect the schools' funding.

Stephanie also introduced Chris Daniels who spoke regarding the Lone Star College System. He introduced Ray Laughter who gave additional information on the election of College Board of Trustee positions. They shared that Lone Star College System has the largest number of students in the Texas area (over 50,000) and encouraged everyone to participate in the bond election voting which will provide finances to continue the work that was begun over 35 years ago. They also reminded us of the services available through the network of colleges in this system.

The minutes for the March 11, 2008 general meeting were posted on the website and made available to all members. They were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dawn Shull. She stated the balance for the Cy- Fair Republican Women is \$10,370.53 with the Scholarship Fund Balance of \$100.10.

Millie Alford moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Rita Parrish seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Second Vice President, Mary Moss, presented the Ways & Means report. She sent out about 50 requests for ads for the membership directory and has received several responses. We still have cookbooks available for purchase. Mary encouraged everyone to let her know if there is a bazaar or sale in the neighborhoods, so we might offer the cookbooks for sale. She also reminded everyone that we have pins available: "Vote", "McCain", and Elephant pins are \$5.00. The Peter Barnes books are also still available along with the two (2) styles of shirts.

Membership Chairman, Kelli Ray, reported that we have three (3) new members: Ann Calagari, Chris Daniels (Supporting Member), and Gail Stanart (Associate Member). She added that Barbara Buxton will be serving on the Membership Committee.

Caring for America Chairman, Cheryl Mills, reported that cards were located on the table and urged everyone to write a note to the troops and support the local activities relating to Caring for America.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Pam Waldren, encouraged everyone to get involved with the "Texas Victory 2008, Get out the Vote". She noted that organizational meetings would be held at the University of Texas, Texas Tech, and the University of Texas, Arlington, if anyone would be able to participate. She also noted that 642 volunteer hours

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for CFRW were recently turned in to TFRW. She congratulated CFRW for their dedication to volunteering. Pam also reminded CFRW that a Voter Registration Drive would be held in the near future. She will contact the membership via email.

President, Kay Waghorne, reminded everyone that today is the day for the Run-Off Elections. She listed the polling places and reminded everyone there will be additional elections on May 10, 2008. She encouraged everyone to vote. Future elections will be posted on our website. Kay noted that the Republican State Convention will be held June 12-14, 2008 in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Information is also posted on the CFRW website. Information on volunteer positions and applications are posted on our Convention Bulletin Board for anyone who would like to participate.

Kay reported the Tribute to Women Luncheon would be held on Friday, June 13, 2008, and everyone is invited to attend, even if they are not attending the Convention. The cost is \$59.00 and a sign-up sheet was passed.

The TFRW Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Austin on May 1-2, 2008. Forms are available if anyone is interested in attending. The State Convention hotel information was presented. The rooms are \$166. Those interested in attending can get a form from Kay.

New Business:

The Board recommended CFRW present four honorees for Tribute to Women Luncheon at the Convention: Kay Waghorne, Millie Alford, Jan Ott, and Stephanie DeHondt. A motion was made by Rita Parrish and seconded by Dawn Shull to accept these nominees and the motion carried. Kay stated that CFRW would have tables at the luncheon and encouraged everyone to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by Millie Alford
for Secretary, Betty Guthrie**



MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



“Membership is a Lifestyle, Not an Event”

May is our “New Member Drive” so be sure and invite your friends (heck bring them along with you) and you may qualify to win a prize for the most visitors. We have prizes for guests that join that day as well! Let’s get the word out! Tuesday, May 13th, we will be hearing from County Commissioner for Precinct 3, Steve Radack.

Kelli Ray





I'm sure that all of our members are aware that our government is involved in Homeland Security. This month, I'd like to focus the legislative look at what Texas is doing regarding homeland security. The following information was taken in whole from <http://www.texas homeland security.com/>

Bills which pertain to security can be accessed at <http://www.txchia.org/legistex03.htm>

Be Informed, Be Prepared, and Be Involved.

Be Informed:

Emergency workers in Texas are well prepared to respond to any type of threat, but every Texan has a role to play in homeland security. Learn what you can do to protect your family and help safeguard our state. Together, we will make sure Texas is safer and stronger than ever.

Gov. Rick Perry

5-05-08

The current threat level is **Elevated**. Elevated means there is a significant risk of terrorist attacks.

Understanding the Homeland Security Advisory System

Low Condition

There is a low risk of terrorist attacks. State agencies and private industry should continue general safety measures and consider:

- Reviewing and updating safety and evacuation plans.
- Ensuring personnel receive proper training on implementing safety and evacuation plans.
- Conducting regular risk and security assessments of key infrastructure.

Guarded Condition

There is a general risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the actions recommended under the guarded threat level, agencies should consider:

- Reviewing communication procedures with local first responders and law enforcement officials.
- Providing the public with general safety and awareness information.

Elevated Condition

There is a significant risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the actions recommended under lower threat levels, agencies should consider:

- Increasing surveillance of critical infrastructure and significant locations.
- Coordinating emergency plans as appropriate with nearby jurisdictions.
- Assessing and disseminating information and warnings as appropriate.

High Condition

There is a high risk of terrorist attacks. Key state agencies are notified, and regulatory agencies issue appropriate alerts to critical infrastructure, including utilities and medical facilities. State emergency and response resources - such as Texas Task Force I, the State Catastrophic Fire Response Team and statewide bio-lab facilities - are placed on stand-by or recall status. In addition, the Governor's Office will work with federal homeland security officials and coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies and the Texas National Guard.

Severe Condition

There is a severe risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the actions taken under a high threat level, the State's Emergency Management Council and emergency response resources will be activated. Warnings and threats will be disseminated as appropriate to state agencies and entities controlling critical infrastructure. Large public events will be identified and security will be assessed. State personnel will be redirected as needed to address critical emergency needs.

Elevated Condition

There is a significant risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the actions recommended under lower threat levels, agencies should consider:

- Increasing surveillance of critical infrastructure and significant locations.
- Coordinating emergency plans as appropriate with nearby jurisdictions.
- Assessing and disseminating information and warnings as appropriate

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Be Prepared

Every Texas family can take simple steps to help prepare for any type of emergency, including a possible terrorist attack:

- [Develop a family safety plan](#)
- [Assemble an emergency supply kit](#)
- [Safeguard your neighborhood](#)

[Additional resources for communities, schools, and businesses](#)

Develop a family safety plan

An emergency preparedness plan is your family's guide to safety. Learn about potential disasters that can occur in your community and discuss what each family member should do.

- Identify a place for family members to meet if separated by a disaster.
- Establish an out-of-town friend or relative to act as a point of contact for separated family members to call. Make sure everyone has the number.
- Ask your local emergency management office about your community's warning system, evacuation plans and routes and the location of public shelters near your home, work or school.
- Complete an emergency preparedness checklist and review it with your family.
- Depending on the type of disaster, determine the best escape routes from your house and find the safest place in your house.
- Locate the main electric fuse box, water service main and natural gas main. Teach responsible family members how and when to turn these utilities off. Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut-off valves.
- Post emergency numbers by the telephone.
- Learn emergency first aid and CPR. Contact your local Red Cross chapter for details.
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Show each family member where the fire extinguisher is kept. Get training on how to use it.
- Identify potential hazards in your home and take corrective action to help reduce the risk of injury. Secure large or heavy items that could fall and cause damage or injury.
- Practice implementing your plan.

Links

- [Ready.gov](#) - teaches Americans how to prepare for a terrorist attack.
- [The American Red Cross](#) - offers information on safety plans and supply kits.
- [Citizen's Guide](#) - was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help individuals prepare for emergencies.

Millie Alford



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



It seems there is always something going on in the Republican Party in which our ever-enthusiastic CFRW members are ready and willing to get involved. Coming June 13 at the Hilton-Americas in Houston is the Tribute to Women Luncheon which will honor outstanding TRFW members. This should be a fun and tasty event but you need to sign up soon - the deadline is May 15. You can find the form at the TRFW website. Also in June is the Republican State Convention held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Many of our club members have been selected as delegates for this event and we look forward to learning about it at future meetings.

Also, let's not forget about Texas Victory '08 - a statewide get-out-the-vote effort, headed by Roger Williams, to elect Republicans in November '08. Please keep an eye on this column for future events for Texas Victory '08 and together we can make a difference.

Pam Waldren



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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.

