



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

June 2008

Kay's Kolumn



Let's Get Ready To Rumble! As the "Straight Talk" express rolls across America, we too will be working hard to get Republican Voters to the Polls.

I am excited to announce that our June meeting will be devoted to GOTV..... For those who are not familiar with the term, it stands for Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV).

GOTV is part of the Texas Victory 2008 Campaign that is dedicated to cultivating, energizing, and training grassroots volunteers to ensure Republican success at the polls on Election Day. The program is chaired by former Secretary of State Roger Williams. Texas Victory 2008 will utilize the latest technology like never before in prior elections to target Republican voters and drive them to the polls.

As I said, June will be the meeting where we lay the ground work for our club to GOTV when our speaker, Marty Morrison, from the Harris County Clerk's office deputizes all of our members present that day as Deputy Voter Registrars. So I encourage everyone who can possibly make it to the meeting that day, please do so and be sure to bring your voter's registration card to the meeting also!

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 10, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM
Hearthstone Country Club

June 12-14..... Republican Party of Texas
Convention, Houston, Texas

Pam Waldren, our Campaign Activities Chairman will serve as our Voter Registration Chairman and is working to set up voter registration drives. And she will be keeping records for two NEW awards for this election cycle which she will tell you all about at the meeting.

June is also when our State Convention will be held right here in Houston. I hope to see lots of you there.

Finally, I'd like to give a special thanks to Mary Moss for stepping up to the plate for me as she so brilliantly ran our very important Membership Drive meeting in my absence. I send my heart-felt thanks. I also wish to thank our Membership Chairman Kelli Ray for her presentation and of course give a warm welcome to our newest members and thank our wonderful members who introduced them to our club.

I look forward to welcoming everyone personally in June.

Later, Kay



JUNE MEETING



TUESDAY JUNE 10

Time: 10:30 AM - Coffee/Social
11:00 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: California Croissant with Ranch Chips (Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Avocado, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayo on Croissant)

Choice #2: Tequila Lime Chicken with Spanish Rice and Pico de Gallo (Chicken Breast with Jack Cheese and Spanish Sauce)

Both served with Hot Rolls.

RSVP:

No later than Monday, June 9th or earlier.

Online at www.cfrw.net

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PROGRAM

Please join us in welcoming

Marty Morrison

CFRW is pleased to have Marty Morrison at our June 10 meeting. Ms. Morrison is Associate Director of Volunteer Deputies, Voter Registration and Community Outreach Services at the Harris County Tax Office and has held this position since 2000. Ms. Morrison does public speaking for high schools and different organizations in the Houston area and will be deputizing our members so that we may be qualified to register voters in 2008.

Please bring your voter's registration card to the meeting.



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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.** Please plan on being with us so you can pick up your updated pages.

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 June meeting at the HH&HT price of \$20.

If any of you belong to or know of 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 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

I will have a new batch of red t-shirts at the June meeting. CFRW has lots of events coming up that you will want to be sporting our CFRW apparel. Check with me at the June meeting to purchase your shirts.

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



CARING FOR AMERICA - Cheryl Mills



Thank you to our members who wrote notes to the troops at our last meeting. Millie and I spent several hours last month helping at Operation Interdependence headquarters, stuffing the treat bags with goodies for our Military Heroes. It was fun doing something to help make a difference, and it is a really fun group of volunteers to work with. You can become involved by giving an hour or two on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Operation Interdependence location in the shopping center behind the bank North of Cypress North Houston and East of Jones Road between 10am and 1pm.

A second opportunity is now available for those of you who like to knit and/or crochet. Our Texas Federation of Republican Women is organizing a competition to see which chapter can make the most skull caps to send to the troops in Iraq. Please come to our next meeting to receive instructions for making the caps.

Cheryl Mills





“Membership is a Lifestyle, Not an Event”

Hello to my fellow CFRW members! Our new member drive on May 13, with featured speaker Steve Radack was a lot of fun! Steve had some informative news for us regarding our community and he made sure to let us know that if we have an issue, he will respond directly!

During our meeting, we welcomed 4 new members and 2 new associate members. Please take a moment at an upcoming meeting and welcome them to the family!

New Members:

Debbie LaFleur
Suzanne Davis
Leanne Buxton Grove
Lauree Johnson

New Associate Member:

Judith Stokes

New Supporting Member:

Bill Moore

Kelli Ray



MINUTES

**CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
May 13, 2008**

In President Kay Waghorne’s absence, Mary Moss, 2nd VP Ways and Means, brought the meeting to order at 11:05 am at Hearthstone Country Club. Chaplain Alice McDill gave the invocation and led the group in prayer followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Membership Chairman Kelli Ray introduced new members Debbie LaFleur, Suzanne Davis, and Barbara Buxton; Bill Moore, associate member and judicial candidate; Sandi Oliver (from Patricia Harless’ office); Kelli Ray (from Gary Elkins’ office); and guests.

In Program Chairman Stephanie DeHondt’s absence, Kelli Ray introduced the speaker, Mr. Steve Radack, County Commissioner Pct. 3. He spoke about the population growth in Precincts 3 and 4 and the need to register new voters in the area. He stated that the Republican Party at all levels of government is under attack and that upcoming elections will be tight. For Republican candidates to win, Commissioner Radack stressed the need to register new voters and discourage Democrat voters from straight-ticket voting. Participation in early voting or mail-in ballots is essential to make the election process easier for voters. In appreciation to Commissioner Radack, a signed Peter Barnes’ book will be donated to a local library.

The minutes of the April 8, 2008 were approved as printed in the CFRW May 2008 Newsletter.

To introduce new members and guests to CFRW club, Mary read the goals and mission of the organization including its history and activities.

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MINUTES, CONTINUED

Treasurer Dawn Shull reported a balance of \$11,006.15 in the CFRW treasury as of April 30, 2008. The report was accepted.

Ways and Means Chairman Mary Moss reported that the new membership pages for the directory will be available in June for members who have paid the current year's dues. CFRW denim shirts and T-shirts, Peter Barnes' children's books, election pins, and CFRW cookbooks are all available for purchase.

Membership Chairman Kelli Ray announced that CFRW is coming close to reaching its membership numbers from last year.

Cheryl Mills, Caring for America Chairman, participated in the TFRW telephone conference call in early May. Volunteers are needed to crochet/knit skull caps for the troops. She also encouraged donations of items and funds to Operation Interdependence. Handwritten notes of thanks and appreciation to the troops are needed to include with the items and were available at the meeting.

Campaign Activities Chairman Pam Waldren encouraged members to register online at www.TexasVictory.org for Texas Victory '08 "Walk to Win" kickoff event Saturday, May 17, 2008. Volunteers will go door to door to register voters and encourage citizens to vote. Prizes will be awarded to volunteers and their party. John Culberson's Grand Opening of the Culberson for Congress walk will begin at 9:30 am until noon at 14133 Memorial Dr. In addition, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is sponsoring an initiative for TFRW clubs which began on April 9, 2008. Clubs will compete by accruing points for activities and volunteer hours towards the general election in November. Winning clubs will be awarded monetary prizes. Pam passed out flyers explaining the above activities. Voter registration deputization will be available at the next general meeting of CFRW. Emails will be sent to members regarding these programs.

Suzanne Davis encouraged members to run for Precinct Chairs if their precinct chair is unfilled.

Rita Parrish Newsletter Chairman announced that the deadline for the June 2008 CFRW newsletter is Monday, May 19, 2008, due to her travel schedule.

Old Business:

- Mary announced that volunteers are needed for the TFRW booth at the Republican State Convention to be held June 12-13, 2008 in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center.
- Mary reported that today is the deadline for signing up for the Tribute to Women Luncheon on Friday, June 13, 2008. Everyone is invited to attend, even if they are not attending the Convention. The cost is \$59.00.

New Business/Announcements:

- The new TFRW web site is www.TFRW.org.
- Barbara Buxton has been named Ad Hoc Committee Chairman researching ways to sell ads in the TFRW Newsletter and on the TFRW web site.
- Cheryl announced that voter registration cards can be ordered by contacting Ed Johnson at the office of Paul Bettencourt.
- Alice McDill shared her humorous Mothers Day card she received from her daughter.
- New member gift bags were distributed and a drawing was held to determine the recipient of the gift bags to the member bringing the most guests as there was a multiple tie.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19. Optional lunch followed.

Betty Guthrie
Secretary, CFRW





LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Millie Alford



At our last Board Meeting, there was interest on House Bill 218. It is the bill introduced by Betty Brown of Kaufman, and the original intent is to require identification to vote. Thanks to Cheryl for the HB number. It saved time. Now, the Authors are Betty Brown, Berman, Bohac, and Riddle, and the Coauthors are Aycock, Chrisitan , Darby, Harless, Harper-Brown, Susan King, Labenberg, Macias, miller, Paxton, Taylor, and Zedler, with Sponsor-Frasier and Co-Sponsor, Mike Jackson, Nelson. Many have expressed strong feelings about this bill, pro and con. I'm including the actual bill wording so you can read what it's all about. The format is a little different for space consideration.

Currently, it is stalled in the Senate. I am also including the action on the bill from the time it was passed in the House, so you can see what all goes on with a bill. Do you think everyone should have identification to prove that you are a citizen of Texas to be able to vote in our elections?

There have been many actions taken on this bill since it began. If you would like to see the entire voting record, please access <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=80R&Bill=HB218#vote556>.

If you have an interest in another bill, please let me know.

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By: Brown of Kaufman H.B. No. 218

ABILL TO BE ENTITLED ANACT

relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 63.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:(b) On offering to vote, a voter must present to an election officer at the polling place the voter's voter registration certificate and either: (1) one form of identification listed in Section

63.0101(a); or (2) two different forms of identification listed in

Section 63.0101(b) [to an election officer at the polling place]. (c) On presentation of the documentation required by Subsection (b) [a registration certificate], an election officer

shall determine whether the voter's name on the registration certificate is on the list of registered voters for the precinct.

(d) If the voter's name is on the precinct list of registered voters and the voter's identity can be verified from the proof presented, the voter shall be accepted for voting. (f) After determining whether to accept a voter, an election officer shall return the voter's documentation [registration certificate] to the voter. (g) If the requirements for identification prescribed by Subsection (b) are not met, the voter may be accepted for provisional voting only under Section 63.011.

SECTION 2. Section 63.006(a), Election Code, is amended to Read as follows:(a) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents a voter registration certificate indicating that the voter is currently registered in the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote, but whose name is not on the precinct list of registered voters, shall be accepted for voting if the voter's identity can be verified from the proof presented.

SECTION 3. Section 63.007(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows: (a) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents a voter registration certificate indicating that the voter is currently registered in a different precinct from the one in which the voter is offering to vote, and whose name is not on the precinct list of registered voters, shall be accepted for voting if the voter's identity can be verified from the proof presented and the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter: (1) is a resident of the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote or is otherwise entitled by law to vote in that precinct;(2) was a resident of the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote at the time that information on the voter's residence address was last provided to the voter registrar;(3) did not deliberately provide false information to secure registration in a precinct in which the voter does not reside; and(4) is voting only once in the election.

SECTION 4. Section 63.008(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:(a) A voter who does not present a voter registration certificate when offering to vote, but whose name is on the list of registered voters for the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote, shall be accepted for voting if the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter does not have the voter's voter registration certificate in the voter's possession at the polling place at the time of offering to vote and the voter's identity can be verified from the proof presented [voter presents proof of identification in a form described by Section 63.0101].

SECTION 5. Section 63.0101, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 63.0101. DOCUMENTATION OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

(a) The following documentation is an acceptable form [as proof] of photo identification under this chapter: (1) a driver's license or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that expired no earlier than two years before the date of presentation [or a similar document issued to the person by an agency of another state, regardless

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Continued



of whether the license or card has expired]; (2) a United States military identification card that contains the person's photograph [form of identification person's photograph that establishes the person's identity]; (3) a valid employee identification card that contains the person's photograph and is issued by an employer of the person the ordinary course of the employer's business [birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity]; (4) a United States citizenship certificate [papers] issued to the person that contains the person's photograph; (5) a United States passport issued to the person; (6) a student identification card issued by a public or private institution of higher education located in Texas that contains the person's photograph [official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity]; or (7) a license to carry a concealed handgun issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety. (b) The following documentation is acceptable as proof of identification under this chapter: (1) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter; (2) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity; (3) a certified copy of a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity; (4) United States citizenship papers issued to the person; (5) an original or certified copy of the person's marriage license or divorce decree; (6) court records of the person's adoption, name change, or sex change; (7) an identification card issued to the person by a governmental entity of this state or the United States for the purpose of obtaining public benefits, including veteran's benefits, Medicaid, or Medicare; (8) a temporary driving permit issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety; (9) a pilot's license issued to the person by the Federal Aviation Administration or another authorized agency of the United States; (10) a library card that contains the person's name issued to the person by a public library located in this state; or (11) a hunting or fishing license issued to a person by the Parks and Wildlife Department [or [(8) any other form of identification prescribed by the secretary of state].

SECTION 6. Section 63.011(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows: (a) A person to whom Section 63.001(g), 63.008(b), or 63.009(a) applies may cast a provisional ballot if the person executes an affidavit stating that the person: (1) is a registered voter in the precinct in which the person seeks to vote; and (2) is eligible to vote in the election.

SECTION 7. Section 521.422, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows: (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the [The] fee for a personal identification certificate is: (1) \$15 for a person under 60 years of age; (2) \$5 for a person 60 years of age or older; and (3) \$20 for a person subject to the registration requirements under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure. (d) The department may not collect a fee for a personal identification certificate issued to a person who executes an affidavit stating that the person is financially unable to pay the required fee and: (1) who is a registered voter in this state and presents a valid voter registration certificate; or (2) who is eligible for registration under Section 13.001, Election Code, and submits a registration application to the department.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

It was read in the House for the first time in April, 2007. I will keep an eye on what's going on in Austin. The last action was co-sponsorship in the Senate on 5/16/2007.

Millie Alford



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



June will have CFRW making preparations for the busy election process that will be upon us before we know it. Our members will be deputized for Voter Registration at the June meeting in order to participate in the Voter Registration Award at the 2009 TFRW convention. CFRW will have several Voter Registration booths this summer and fall, so keep your eyes and ears alert for information on times and places.

Texas Victory '08 has begun its state-wide campaign to elect Republicans into office in November. The kick-off began in May with a city-wide block walk speaking and educating voters about Republican candidates. We hope you can participate in the many upcoming events that will help propel our candidates into office.

Alas, the General Election Competition has begun! Sponsored by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, this competition is awarded by monetary means. First-place honors for medium sized clubs, such as CFRW, are \$1,000, second-place is \$750 and third-place is \$500. You can participate in three ways: Party work, such as being a Precinct Chair or Party official, Campaign Management School attendance, Election official, Precinct Convention Participant, State Convention Delegate, Poll watcher and more. The second way to participate is through Campaign Work as in phone bank callers, coordinators, work at Party Headquarters, voter ID. The third way you can participate is through Fundraising (County Party Fundraisers, Club Fundraisers, and Candidate Fundraisers.) We hope you can find time in your busy schedules to help out. Be sure and look for dates and times for these events in this column and through emails from me.

Pam Waldren



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<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.

