



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

July 2008

## Kay's Kolumn



*It was July 4, 1776....*

***“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. “***

How precious are these words and this document to you?

How important will this election be in preserving these ideals?

This is a very special July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year will be a time not to “remember” this document, but to “protect and preserve” it. I wish you all a wonderful holiday, but more importantly, I wish that come November 4<sup>th</sup> that this document and all that it has stood for these 232 years, will still stand and that our children and grand children will enjoy it's benefits.

I know that each of you share my passion and my devotion to preserving this document. That is why we all work so hard to elect the people we feel will defend it. When we have that second piece of apple pie next week, after all the hot dogs and fun lets all re-dedicate ourselves to the task at hand and have this 4<sup>th</sup> of July serve to remind us of what is at stake. Not out of fear of what we may lose, but out of jubilation for the wonderful country that we share.

Onward now to protect and defend..... by electing those that will.

But, first I want to say thank you to our club for honoring me at the Tribute to Women Luncheon, held at the Texas GOP Convention. I congratulate Jan Ott, Millie Alford and Stephanie DeHondt as

### CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 8, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM  
Hearthstone Country Club

well and I know that I speak for them when I say what an honor it is to be chosen by our club to receive this award. Thank you.

I am so proud of the participation our club had at the Texas GOP convention. What a wonderful opportunity we had to participate in the process since it was so close to home, and while tedious at times, hearing the wonderful speakers that we had, such as Newt Gingrich, Michael Williams, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee and others, it made the “work” that we had to do well worth it. Thanks to our members who served as Delegates and Alternates to the convention as well as those who worked in booths, distributed literature for candidates, helped at the luncheon and represented our wonderful club so well.

Also, several ladies from our club had the opportunity to hear and shake hands with the “Next President of the United States”.... Senator John McCain! I suppose that at some time I will have to consider washing my hand.

Finally, as a fitting conclusion to our July 4<sup>th</sup> observance, our July speaker, Jerry Reed with Operation Military Embrace, will share his patriotic mission to care for those who fight so gallantly to preserve and protect this precious document from a new contingent of those who would destroy it. I know that everyone there will be moved by his presentation. I hope to see all of you there!

Later, Kay



## JULY MEETING



### TUESDAY JULY 8

**Time:** 10:30 AM - Coffee/Social

**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: Chicken Ceasar Salad

Choice #2: Hamburger with Ranch Chips

Both served with Hot Rolls.

#### RSVP:

No later than Monday, June 9th or earlier.

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

or

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### PROGRAM

#### Our speaker this month is Jerry Reed of Operation Military Embrace “Sharing the Cost of Freedom”

**Jerry Reed**, the President/Executive Director, was a fundraiser for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund until he was drawn into this Christian ministry by exposure to the unmet needs of those fighting alone in this global war against terrorism: our military personnel and their families. Jerry retired from Chevron Chemical Company in July, 2000, and from that date forward he and Debbie have been doing philanthropic work in a number of areas involving our military including work to assist our seriously wounded and their families as well as supporting those serving in the combat theater of operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

OME are a group of dedicated Texans who have formed Operation Military Embrace, Inc., to assist our injured military, their families, and those military personnel accused of battlefield crimes in their time of need OME is attempting to fill “gaps” in need that have not been addressed by the many other fine 501(c)(3) organizations that have come to the forefront to support our military during this time of global war against Islamic Terrorists dedicated to the destruction of Western Civilization



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### Membership Book Updates

**The updated pages are in!** If you did not pick yours up at the June meeting, the pages have been mailed to you. Please let me know if you have not received them.

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

**If any of you belong to or know of a 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 that would 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 July meeting. CFRW has lots of events coming up that you will want to be sporting our CFRW apparel. Check with me at the July meeting to purchase your shirts.

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



Thank you to our members who wrote notes to the troops at our last meeting. One of our new members, Suzanne Davis, sent her son to volunteer at Operation Interdependence to keep him from only playing computer games all summer – what a great idea! 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. Several of our members are already started on this project – thanks to all of you who care about our troops!

**Cheryl Mills**





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# MINUTES

## CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

May 13, 2008

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President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women club to order at 11:15 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. Kay welcomed members and guests. Membership Chairman Kelli Ray (from Gary Elkins' office) introduced guests Sharon Moore, member Emily Klein (from John Culberson's office), Sandy Oliver (from Patricia Harless' office), and Colleen Gilbert (from Michael McCaul's office).

Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chairman, introduced the speaker, Mr. Ed Johnson, Associate Director Voter Registration – Harris County. He explained the process to become a volunteer deputy registrar. Interested members completed the required form and obtained the guideline booklet of information. In addition to registering to vote via a volunteer deputy registrar, persons may register by completing a Voter Registration Application and mailing it to the Tax Assessor-Collector office or by registering at any Motor Vehicle Registration/Driver's License office. He also reported the improvements made by the "Help America Vote" legislation and the expectation of improvements by passage of the "Real ID" legislation.

The minutes of the May 13, 2008 were approved as published in the CFRW June 2008 Newsletter.

Treasurer Dawn Shull reported a balance of \$12,153.76 in the CFRW treasury as of May 31, 2008. She also announced that the 2008 budget was completed. The report was accepted.

Kay reported that the 2008 inserts for the membership directory are available to dues-paid members. She asked that members pick up their inserts and those for other members not present to save postage costs. CFRW t-shirts have arrived and are being held by Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chairman. CFRW cookbooks are available for purchase as well.

Cheryl Mills, Caring for America Chairman, asked for volunteers (members and non-members) to knit or crochet the caps for the troops to wear inside their helmets. There is a contest to see which group can make the most caps. She also encouraged members to volunteer at Operation Interdependence on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Stationary was available on the table for members to write notes of thanks and appreciation to be included in the care packages. Both of these activities can be reported as volunteer hours to TFRW.

Campaign Activities Chairman Pam Waldren circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to participate in the Voter Registration events on Saturday, June 28, and July 12, 2008 from 9 am to 2 pm. More events will be scheduled throughout the summer. Interested volunteers should contact Pam for more information. E-mails with information will also be sent. In addition, Pam encouraged members to participate in volunteer activities for the General Election competition sponsored by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Clubs will compete by accruing points for activities and volunteer hours towards the general election in November. Activities such as precinct chair, election official, Convention delegate, campaign headquarters work, block walks, etc., are counted towards this award. Pam will e-mail members a form on which to record volunteer hours. Mr. Johnson also encouraged members to volunteer to be judges or alternate judges for the upcoming elections by contacting the GOP Harris County headquarters.

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Rita Parrish Newsletter Chairman announced that the deadline for articles for the July 2008 CFRW newsletter is Monday, June 23, 2008.

Awards Chairman Jan Ott encouraged members to volunteer service hours which can aid the GOP as well as gain hours towards awards and competitions.

Legislative Chairman Millie Alford announced that the entire GOP Platform will be available online by contacting her for the link. She also distributed the copies of the Preamble to the Platform to attendees.

Old Business:

None

New Business/Announcements:

- Alice McDill announced that she had an available ticket to the TFRW Luncheon on Friday for anyone interested in attending. She also reported that more volunteers are needed at the GOP State Convention to register attendees from 3 – 7 pm this Wednesday and Thursday.
- Barbara Dorsey asked for volunteers to sell the centerpieces for 30 minutes following the TFRW Luncheon.

A drawing was held for the door prize which was won by Millie Alford.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43. Optional lunch followed.

Betty Guthrie  
Secretary, CFRW



## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



Republicans and CFRW continue to work hard over the summer during this important election year. We are in the midst of the Voter Registration Competition sponsored by TFRW. Our club members were deputized by Ed Johnson from the Harris County Tax office in June and are ready to reach out to the Cy-Fair area and register members of our community to vote. Times and locations for registering voters will be announced over email and I really hope that most of you participate. Volunteering shoulder to shoulder with your fellow club members builds camaraderie like no other and is a terrific way to honor your country and the democratic process. Please continue to keep an eye out for Texas Victory '08, a statewide Get-Out-The-Vote competition designed to keep Republicans in office. The General Election Competition will also be active in the coming months. In the meantime, see you at the Voter Registration Tables!

**Pam Waldren**







First, I'd like to share my gratitude for honoring me as a Woman of Tribute. I'm very thankful to be a part of CFRW, and it was such a privilege to attend the luncheon and even be on the platform with Jan and Kay. They do so much for our organization, as do each of you. Although I didn't feel worthy, I felt so honored, so thanks again for your vote of confidence –especially Cheryl who graciously nominated me. What a great time we had at the convention. It was exciting to see and hear the representatives of our state and share the excitement of meeting our Texas and national leaders and politicians. I learn something new every time I attend a function and I'm very in tune to that aspect. I am eager to learn about what makes our politics tick!

Next, I'd like to share an event which occurred at the convention which was especially insightful for me. I'd like to tell you about the graciousness of our Governor. Recently, this press release was issued: "All each of us can do is use the one life we have, the one opportunity we are given, to leave a lasting imprint on the world around us," Gov. Perry said. "Texas needs your leadership and idealism, so whatever your dream, pursue it with vigor and intensity, and use it to improve our nation and our state." (Speech June, 2008 Texas Bluebonnet Girls State.) Whether you see eye-to-eye with his political views, or think he's far out on some of his ideas, I think you'll be touched at this story.

While waiting in line to get his autograph for my 3 *On My Honor* books,(an expose about the problems the Boy Scouts of America have encountered over the past few years, written by Eagle Scout, Rick Perry), I was proud to see a young man dressed in a Scout Uniform approach the Governor. He had no book in hand, but he asked him to autograph a piece of paper he was holding. Almost as soon as he arrived, he was ushered away by the Secret Service (or Special Lawmen of some rank). Being the curious type that I am, I asked the young lady who was in charge of the line and she replied the young man had gotten "too close and made some threatening remarks." Of course I was incensed that anyone would do that and I couldn't bear the fact that he was in a Scout uniform. I can honestly say, a knot formed in my stomach when I thought about the disgrace of that uniform. When my turn came for my book to be signed, the Governor was still taken aback and mentioned to the security that he wondered if the boy was really a Scout or just wearing the uniform to gain access. He shared that the young man had cursed and he'd told him "his actions were inappropriate," at which time the Secret Service stepped in to show him out. I was impressed with his concern for the young man, and the tact and professionalism with which he handled the situation. It could have been a raucous ordeal, but was a minor incident. He spoke to me, and congratulated me again for being honored. I was thrilled that he remembered me from the luncheon, but the pin could have given it away. Another member of the line snapped our photo for me (which I immediately sent to everyone I knew) and we discussed my two Eagle Scouts for which the other two books were

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meant, and I was on my way. I have been involved in Scouting for over 25 years as a Den Leader, a Pack Leader, a Mom of two sons who were Eagle Scouts and a daughter who was a Girl Scout who'd earned her Silver Award, and a staunch supporter, so this feeling of angst did not go away. I immediately set out to find the young man and get some answers that would settle my thoughts. After walking around a few minutes, I found him "quarantined" in the Ron Paul booth—not saying anything about that—I approached him and introduced myself.

I asked him his name and if he were a Scout, where his Pack was located, and if he had any idea of the honor of wearing the uniform or if he understood that his actions were perceived as a threat to the Governor. He was a Scout and an Eagle Scout at that. He answered all my questions in a very respectful way. He told me if he left that immediate area, the HPD would arrest him, so I think he had a solid understanding. I asked if he minded sharing what the problem was and I wanted to understand for myself what would make him the center of this negative attention.

I also shared my association with the Scouts and what it meant to me. He was very passionate in his reply that he wanted to know if the Governor supported the Trans Texas Corridor and "they" were going to take away his home and their farm. He said he did not intend to threaten Governor Perry and had taped the conversation on his cell. I listened to it and I did hear a curse word that the young man didn't even realize he'd said. We discussed the honor of wearing his uniform and I suggested he write the Governor and apologize for any offense he might have given. He listened and nodded his head, but I'm not sure he will write the note. Of course, this young man is in my prayers now because he needs to be aware of the significance of his actions. Sometimes, when we get so wrapped up in our issues, we plunge ahead without thinking of the ramifications. When I left him, he seemed to be thoughtful of what we'd discussed and that was my point in speaking with him. If this story makes us stop and think about our actions before jumping off into a pit, then my purpose is fulfilled. If it challenges us to live as role models for those who follow us and make an effort to lend a hand, and offer some help, then it takes my intentions one step further. Thanks for Noticing me. ☺

#### Reference:

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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.

