



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
December 2009

A Minute with Mary



AMAZING was the word that our TFRW President-elect, Rebecca Bradford, used to describe the TFRW Convention held a couple of weekends ago in Galveston. The weather, the city, the event and the people were truly AMAZING!

We had picture perfect weather. Sunny and warm - the kind of weather that makes our hot summers bearable. The progress that Galveston has made in its recovery from Hurricane Ike is absolutely AMAZING. As one of the speakers said – it is apparent that there are no Mayor Nagans or whiners in Galveston!

The event was held at the AMAZINGLY beautiful Galveston Convention Center, located on Seawall Blvd overlooking the Gulf. We had three jammed packed days of speakers, meetings and functions. We got to hear from Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, Congressman Michael McCaul, State Comptroller Susan Combs, not to mention, several candidates and, of course, our TFRW folks. The recurring theme of the convention was the importance of the 2010 elections and the reclaiming of the seats that Republicans have lost. Our work is cut out for us, but Republican Women have never run away from a fight.

We also received several awards that recognized the hard work that our club continues to do. We received the John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence, Membership Award for increasing our membership by 12%, and a Caring for America Award. These are in addition to the NFRW Gold Award of Excellence and the NFRW Caring for America Certificate of Recognition we received at the NFRW Convention in Orlando. Two of our ladies even made the front page of the *Galveston Daily News*. On top of all that, Jan Ott, CFRW's founding President was elected to the TFRW board as VP-Membership, and our associate



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- December 6.....CFRW Christmas Party
(6:30 p.m.) Barbara and Larry Buxton's home
- December 17.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club
- January 12.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- January 21.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club

member, Carolyn Hodges, was not only elected to be the next First VP, she was named one of the Ten Outstanding TFRW Women at the banquet Saturday night. Congratulations to all for your AMAZING hard work!

Finally, I need to praise the efforts of Convention Booth Chairman, Dr. Millie Alford, and her committee who spent time preparing the jellies and stockings for the booth; and an even bigger thank you goes to those who manned the booth. You all spent extra money and time to attend and donated your time during the convention, missing out on some of the festivities and speakers, to man the booth. You are all truly AMAZING! A special thank you needs to go to Judie Stokes' sister, Jeannie Broussard, for the lovely quilt that we auctioned. Much appreciation goes to State Rep. Patricia Harless for submitting the highest bid!

The next TFRW Convention will be held in Fort Worth in 2011. I hope that each of you will try to make the trip to attend the AMAZING event!

Mary Moss

"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit" ~ Harry S. Truman



JANUARY MEETING



**TUESDAY
JANUARY 12, 2010**

PROGRAM

**Judge John Phillips
314th Juvenile Court
Harris County**

**Time: 10:30 A.M. - Coffee/Social
11:00 A.M. - Speaker/Meeting
12:00 P.M. - Lunch**

**Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill
7540 N. Hwy. 6
Houston, TX
(Copperfield area)**

Lunch Menu: TBA

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

Lunch available by reservation ONLY:

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010**

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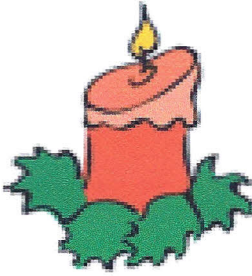


CFRW CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

6:30 P.M.

at the home of Barbara and Larry Buxton



E-vites have been sent. But in case you missed yours, please join us for holiday cheer at the CFRW Christmas Party. The cost for the catered event is \$18 per person. You can submit payment via PayPal or send a check payable to CFRW to 14102 Blazey Dr., Houston, TX, 77095. Deadline for receipt of payment is **December 1st**. Your payment is your RSVP.



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



We have made a great start on our Membership Renewals for 2010, thanks to the eleven members who renewed their memberships at the November general meeting. Please remember to complete and attach a new Membership Application with each renewal, so our information will be up to date. We would also like to welcome the following new members to our club: **Barbara Carlson, Donna Detamore, Paul Dwight, Clare Jones, Sharyl Lee, Kristine Price, Todd and Jill Smith, Gail Stanart, and Michael Wolfe.**

A Membership Application is included in the newsletter for your convenience. A form is also available online at www.cfrw.net. You may mail it to me, Joy Gregory, at 18219 Waverly Bend Lane, Cypress, TX 77433 or give it to me at the next meeting. Thanks!

HATS OFF TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A really big “thank you” goes to those ladies who helped with our booth at the TFRW Convention:

Quilt Makers – Judie Stokes and her sister, Jeannie Broussard

Jelly Makers – Millie Alford, Joy Gregory, Betty Guthrie, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Dawn Shull, Kay Waghorne and Pam Waldren

Quilt/craft items – Judie Stokes and her sister, Jeannie Broussard

Booth Workers - Millie Alford, Lois Barclay, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Rita Parrish, Dawn Shull, Judie Stokes, Kay Waghorne and Pam Waldren

To continue a theme – you are AMAZING!

~ Mary Moss





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
November 10, 2009

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Suzanne Davis, Chaplain, led us in prayer and the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flags. After welcoming guests, Mary asked Joy Gregory to introduce guests and new members. We had several judges and/or their representatives present at the meeting.

Programs Chair, Rita Parrish, introduced Dr. J. DeBroeck, a local family physician, who gave a very informative speech on the subject of health care reform. A short question and answer period followed the doctor's talk.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary, Doris Jones, indicated that the September general meeting minutes were printed in the newsletter. Members approved the minutes as printed.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported that our August 31, 2009 balance was \$8,688.70. There were deposits of \$10,838.24 and payments of \$8,177.48. Our balance as of October 31, 2009 was \$11,349.46. The balance in our Scholarship Fund as of October 31, 2009 was \$600.89.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, stated that the High Heels and High Tea event was a success, and she plans to have a meeting soon to discuss the pros and cons of the event. TFRW State Convention is this weekend, and members will set up our booth (at front and center) on Thursday.

Newsletter Editor, Betty Guthrie, announced that the deadline for newsletter articles is Monday, November 16, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, announced that we have seventy-nine members, and there were some new sign-ups for January. She will be ordering name tags, so anyone wishing one should see Joy.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around a list for members to document their work hours.

Caring for America Chair, Debbie Brown, was not present. However, Mary stated that we had received a Certificate of Recognition from the Caring for America program. Additionally, we received a Gold Award Certificate from the NFRW.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary stated that the books for the Constitution Day Project were delivered. She requested that members attending the TFRW Convention sign up for working at our booth. She reminded us that our Christmas Party is December 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., and she needs a committee formed to manage the arrangements for the party. Mary requested that those who can pay for their 2010 membership today, to please do so.





MINUTES, continued

NEW BUSINESS

Mary stated that NFRW is raising their dues by the amount of \$2.00. We discussed the options, and as no motion was made to change our dues, our membership fee will remain the same—\$30.00. Also, she indicated that the Galveston School District needs donations for their libraries. We can make donations today, or, if you are going to the convention, you can make donations there. Mary stated that dictionaries for our Dictionary Project have been ordered, and they will be delivered when they arrive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary announced that Lois Barclay will be at Lone Star College Community Partners Day from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 to sign up voters. If you can help, please speak to Lois. TFRW Convention is November 13—15, 2009, in Galveston, Texas. Christmas Party is December 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Barbara Buxton's home. There will not be a regular meeting in December. Our next General Meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2009, and our speaker will be Judge John Phillips. Jan Ott suggested that we need someone to send out E-mails for Mary. Anyone interested please speak to Mary. Suzanne Davis invited anyone who wishes to attend the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon to join her. Joy Gregory needs helpers to assist her in greeting new guests.

Mary then adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and requested that members going to TFRW Convention stay for a short meeting.

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary

REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to Jenny Master's for pitching in and helping us with registration at the November General Meeting. We have many new members and seem to be adding more with each meeting!

Thank you all for responding by the noon Friday deadline to let us know if you are coming for lunch. It helps us so much to know in advance! An extra thanks to those who had the exact change or had their checks made out in advance.

~ Jeanie Hardin & Julie McCracken





WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



How quickly the year has come to an end and I believe CFRW has had an outstanding year. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success.

Our TFRW State Convention was awesome, and we've received numerous accolades from all over the state. A special thank you goes to all who helped with our booth. Our beautiful quilt was purchased by Patricia Harless, and she was so happy. She is planning to display it in her office in Austin. We will get continual advertising! There is a great picture of the quilt and many of our members on the CFRW Web site and Facebook, so check it out. Barbara Buxton will tally our final income, but I am very pleased with our success. Of course, we had a prime location and enjoyed meeting ladies from throughout the state.

We still have a number of jars of our famous jellies/jams. We will bring them to our Christmas party at Barbara Buxton's home on December 6th. We would love to sell them all. If you haven't tried the Jalapeño Jelly, you're in for a treat! They make great Christmas presents, especially arranged in our beautiful Cy-Fair baskets!

We have sold some of the **Peter Barnes** books for Christmas presents, so don't forget what an investment they are in our children's future. If you would like to purchase a set before Christmas, please call me or email me, and I will deliver them to you.

We have red t-shirts and denim shirts available, so let me know if you need one. Everyone who worked at the booth wore their t-shirts and we received many comments on how "smart" they looked. New members, be sure to order your shirt as soon as you can. We will have several opportunities to wear them in the spring. We will soon be taking orders for ads for our 2010 CFRW Membership Book. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in purchasing ad space, please let me know.

Thanks to everyone who puts forth unending efforts to make CFRW the great organization it is. We are growing every month, and we are so proud of our new members. I urge you to get involved and help us to grow CFRW even more this next year. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. mcaphd@yahoo.com /713-466-0731



CARING FOR AMERICA - Debbie Brown



There are several ways to help our troops in the coming months. Operation Interdependence (OI) is looking for individually wrapped candy canes to put in the packages that are going over seas for Christmas. SD#16 needs 350 knit beanies for a group that is to be deployed Christmas Eve. This would be a wonderful holiday gesture for our troops!

In addition, OI is in need of shelving at their facility. It does not have to be pretty, just serviceable.

If you can help out with any of these requests, please contact Debbie Brown, Chair of Caring for America, at 281-859-3239.





It's hard to believe the 2010 Republican Primary Election is less than 3 months away. Important dates to remember are¹:

Jan 4 Deadline to File for Place on Ballot
Feb 1 Deadline to Register to Vote

Feb 16-26 Early Voting
Mar 2 Election Day

Governor Rick Perry is running for re-election with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina opposing him. Fortunately, "Republicans typically dominate statewide races in Texas",² so the March primary is of critical importance. Senator Hutchison, whose term expires in 2012, has said that she will resign her senate seat after the next primary election³. Although unlikely, there could be a special election on May 8th if she "resigns between the primary and April 2."³ However, we will most likely see that race on the November 2nd ballot. Possible contenders for her seat are the following Republicans: former Secretary of State Roger Williams, state Sen. Florence Shapiro, Railroad Commissioners Elizabeth Ames Jones and Michael Williams and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.⁴

An important aspect of the proposed behemoth health care reform, we are told, is to force more competition for insurance companies. Can you guess who promoted this lack of competition? The federal government itself - by passing the McCarran-Ferguson Act in 1945 - allowed "the states to limit the number of players in their insurance markets, and explains why 'in 64 percent of all metropolitan areas, a single health insurer commands a market share of at least 50 percent.'"⁵ Repealing this act "would potentially create a thousand times more competition than the 'public option' would. And the price of repeal would be... **nothing**."⁵ Add to this the provision of "more types of policies (including bare-bones catastrophic plans), and the right *not* to buy"⁵ and watch prices fall.

I hope you will take the time to read the very informative articles referenced below.

¹<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2010dates.shtml>

²<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/15/us/15texas.html>

³<http://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/67933-would-be-successors-increasingly-dubious-hutchison-will-resign>

⁴<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/6608881.html>

⁵http://www.americanthinker.com/2009/11/the_price_of_the_public_option.html

Don't forget to pay CFRW membership dues for 2010!

Membership Application is enclosed. New and current members must complete the membership form and include it with your payment. Your support of CFRW is very much appreciated!





Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC

Membership Application

Dues are: (Check one)

- \$30 Active/Voting (Primary member of our club)
 \$20 Associate (Voting member of another club)
 \$35 Associate Man (Man who wishes to support our club)

Make Checks Payable to: CFRW (No Corporate Checks Allowed)
(Dues are for January to December Annually)

Title: Mrs. – Ms. – Miss – Dr. – Mr. – Other Title _____
Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Fax # _____ Email Address: _____
Spouse: _____ Precinct # _____ Birthday: _____
Occupation: (Required under PAC laws) _____ Official or Candidate (Position) _____

For more information and for mailing address: Contact Membership Chairman: 281-463-8203

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<http://www.ghcfrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.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.sos.state.tx.us> – Texas Secretary of State Web Site offers more information
on proposed constitutional amendments.