



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
January 2009

A Minute with Mary



It is a great honor to be your new president. I want to thank each of you – past and present – who agreed to be on the board or be a committee chairman. We all look forward to 2 more great years of informative speakers, growth and successful events.

I joined a Republican Women's group back in 2000. And I can honestly say that I have come away from each and every meeting with new knowledge. As one of our primary objectives as a Republican Women's club is to "promote an informed electorate through political education," I am confident that the Cy-Fair Republican Women's meeting will continue this tradition. If there is any topic or individual that you are curious about, please let me or Rita Parrish (our 1st VP – Programs) know and we will try to line something up.

One of our goals is to have our speakers booked at least two months in advance. Not only will this help our Publicity Chairman (Pam Waldren) publicize our club, but it will also help us achieve our second goal – increasing our membership.

Knowing well in advance what our program will be should make it easier to invite guests to join us. I challenge each of you to bring a guest to each and every meeting. We all have friends and acquaintances that will benefit from our programs. So ask someone to join us; and if they can't come, ask someone else.



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- January 13 - CFRW Meeting
Hearthstone Country Club
- January 20 - GHC Nuts and Bolts Seminar
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(see flyer enclosed for registration info and more details)

Even though 2009 is not an election year, CFRW will be very busy with other events. Things to put on your calendar are Legislative Day, April 16th and TFRW 27th Biennial Convention, November 13th-15th in Galveston. I'll have more information on these two events as they get closer, but you will not want to miss either one.

CFRW will also be hosting our 3rd High Heels and High Tea during 2009. (The date is not yet firm, but it will take place sometime in the fall.) This is our hugely successful style show and luncheon. Our HH&HT serves as CFRW's main fund raiser; and the funds raised at the past two events have allowed us to generously give to many of our state and local candidates' campaigns in the past two election cycles. We will be organizing committees soon, so please consider where you would like to help out.

As the holiday season winds down and we get prepared for 2009, my wish is for each of you to enjoy life, be prosperous, and stay informed.

Mary



JANUARY MEETING



TUESDAY JANUARY 13

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

Place: HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, Texas

Lunch to be Served

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Mashed Potatoes
Grilled Mixed Vegetables
Dessert and Rolls

Please RSVP:

No later than Friday, January 9th

Online at www.cfrw.net

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PROGRAM

Toni Anne Dashiell
President Texas Federation of Republican Women

(See Toni's Biography on the next page)



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TONI ANNE DASHIELL - TFRW PRESIDENT



Toni Anne Dashiell is Texas FRW President. Over the last 8 years she served TFRW as 1st VP, VP Campaign Activities, Deputy President Region IX and Teenage Republican Liaison.

Her political involvement began in 1969 as a Teenage Republican. She joined Kendall County Republican Women in 1995 and has served as its PAC Treasurer, Vice President, and President, as well as chairman of many committees. She was the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2001 NFRW convention in San Antonio.

Her involvement with Republican Party has been broad and includes being a delegate to the Republican Party of Texas conventions since 1998 and serving on different committees. She was the National Delegate for Congressional District 23 in 2004 and has worked on many campaigns outside of her county, city and district.

She traveled with TFRW's "A" team across Texas, the Mighty Texas Strike Force in 2000 and "de Frost" Dallas by helping Congressman Pete Session. In 2006 she worked closely with Senator Hutchison's campaign coordinating liaisons with TFRW clubs.

She is active in her community of Boerne while working with her husband as a Real Estate and Insurance agent.



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - DAWN FOBBS



January can be a time of the dreary winter blues or a time of recharging ones batteries, renewal and positive change - the choice being up to the individual. Cy-Fair Republican Women will be a positive force for Republicans in 2009 and this will surely be an interesting and informative year. CFRW has installed a new slate of officers for 2009 -2010 and I am pleased and excited to be a part of this change by representing CFRW as its new Campaign Activities Chairman for the next two years. Thankfully, January will be a slow month for Campaign Activities, enabling me to learn the ropes of this important job while getting to know some of our newer members. It is my hope that those of you who have not volunteered before will make a resolution to step out and make a difference for the Republican Party in the new year. Please look for emails from me in the near future regarding volunteering opportunities and ways to be involved in the democratic process. Also, feel free to contact me with any questions or information regarding Campaign Activities at msdawn@sbcglobal.net.

Pam Waldren for Dawn Fobbs





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
December 7, 2008

President Kay Waghorne introduced the in-coming Executive Board officers to members and guests at the Sunday, December 7, 2008, CFRW Christmas Party in the home of Rita and Roger Parrish. Kay graciously thanked all the officers and chairmen who have served during her two-year term as president.

Representative Gary Elkins, State District 135, honored CFRW by installing the following 2009-2010 Executive Board officers:

President - Mary Moss
First VP Programs – Rita Parrish
Second VP Ways & Means – Millie Alford
Third VP Newsletter Editor – Betty Guthrie
Secretary – Barbara Dorsey
Treasurer – Barbara Buxton

President Mary Moss presented Kay with a lovely gift and thanked her for her outstanding accomplishments, contributions and dedication as the president of CFRW. Mary introduced the remaining officers and committee chairmen for the 2009-2010.

CFRW extends its thanks to Rita and Roger Parrish for hosting the Christmas Party in their lovely and festively decorated home. Thanks to the many members who contributed the delicious refreshments.

Betty Guthrie
CFRW Secretary



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Hello CFRW members! Our club is excited about the new year and with that new opportunities to share information with others. Please plan to attend the next meeting on January 13th to hear TFRW President Toni Anne Dashielle. Let's get our roster going by inviting family, friends and neighbors to get involved in our community.

Kelli Ray for Joy Gregory





Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and are “rested up” for this coming year’s work. We will have many challenges during this next year and with so many announcements, we will have some major decision-making to do regarding our state officials. We are beginning the Legislative reports with some general information regarding the 81st Texas Legislative Session. Many bills have already been pre-filed, so the representatives will have a busy schedule right away. If there are bills which are of particular interest to you, please let us know and we will do our best to research the information. Best of Luck to Dawn as she takes the Legislative Liaison duties. It has been a great learning experience for me and I thank everyone for the support and encouragement. M.A.

The following information is taken verbatim from one of the primary state websites

http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/public_policy/txlegis.asp#interim

TCDD Public Policy Priorities

At its November 2008 meeting, the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities approved [Public Policy Priorities for 2009](#). They are as follows:

TCDD Public Policy Priorities for 2009

- Rebalance the system of long-term care for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to emphasize providing services in integrated, community settings and reduce the state’s reliance on institutional services.
- Improve the system of long-term services and supports to ensure the availability of quality community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Improve the system of employment services and income supports for individuals with developmental disabilities, including services to help students with disabilities transition from school to work and programs that help individuals develop assets and resources.
- Protect the right of students with disabilities to appropriate, inclusive, publicly-funded education that supports opportunities for full participation and eliminates the use of inappropriate disciplinary alternatives.
- Increase the availability of family and community supports to provide children with developmental disabilities the opportunity to live with families and in communities, and emphasize the use of alternatives to guardianship.
- Ensure that early intervention and early education programs are adequately funded, accessible and available to children with disabilities throughout the state, and include the necessary array and intensity of services for children with all levels of need.
- Ensure dedicated funds for housing assistance for people with disabilities and increase the availability of affordable, accessible housing.
- Promote health care coverage for mental and behavioral disorders in children and adults equal to coverage for other medical conditions under regulated health insurance policies.

Millie Alford for Dawn Shull



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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.

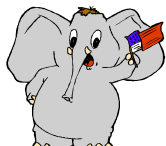
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.



All club presidents, officers, and members are encouraged to attend

***The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women
Annual Nuts 'N' Bolts Seminar***

Immediately following the Greater Houston Council's January General Meeting
and Introduction of Club Presidents

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

11 AM to 3 PM

Second Floor, Compass Bank, Kirby & San Felipe
Lunch Provided

New Format/New Topics

Concurrent Breakout Sessions for local club

- *Presidents*
- *Campaign Activities Chairmen*
 - *Program Chairmen*
- *Corresponding Secretaries/Newsletter Editors*
 - *Recording Secretaries*
 - *Treasurers/PAC Treasurers*

General Session Topics

- *Membership*
- *Fundraising*
- *Lobbying*
- *Literacy*
- *Technology – Electronic Communications*
 - *Legislative Update – State & Federal*
 - *TFRW Activities and Awards*

Additional Speakers and Topics to be named

RSVP by January 16 - No charge for attending, but we do need a count for lunches

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