



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER  
April 2009

## A Minute with Mary



The passage of a Voter ID bill is a hot button topic this session in the State legislature. TFRW has made it one of their primary issues. The Senate recently passed SB 362 that deals with this problem. The matter has now gone over to the House for debate.

At the root of this bill is an effort to stem voter fraud. The bill sets forth rules that require photo IDs be shown at the polls. The bill also allows for those who do not have a photo ID to vote as long as they can produce two other forms of ID. Any two of the following will work: 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, official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity or a library card. Despite these allowances, there is still an outcry from some quarters that requiring a photo ID discriminates against the poor and minorities.

I see absolutely no problem in asking anyone to prove his or her identity when doing something as important as voting for the people who govern us, make our laws, run our country, spend our tax dollars and are charged with our protection. Everyone is routinely asked to prove who they are when writing a check, using a credit card, or boarding an airplane.

I thoroughly understand that fraud at the polls is only part of the total deceptions that can and do take place during any election. As in most issues that face us today, in order to get anything done, we need to take baby steps. The next giant step will be to address voter fraud in mail-in ballots.

Rick Casey, a columnist for the Houston Chronicle, wrote an article in the Friday, March 13, paper that this bill was a waste of time. I could not disagree more. If this bill stops just one fraudulent vote from being cast, then that is one less vote that will taint one of the best systems of democracy in the world.



### CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



April 14 - CFRW Meeting  
Hearthstone Country Club

April 16 - Legislative Day in Austin  
"Wear your Red Jackets"

April 29 - Apostle Claver T. Kamau-Imani  
Reception

Being able to vote in this country is a right and a privilege – and a responsibility. To be a responsible voter, you must first and foremost obey the rules. That means being properly registered in the time allowed to be able to participate - 30 days before any election. Vote where you live - if you move, properly change your registration to your new location. Bring the necessary ID to prove who you are at the polls. I certainly do not want anyone casting a ballot for me!

April is another big month in Texas history – which includes San Jacinto Day. On April 21, 1836, Sam Houston routed the Mexican army led by Santa Ana. This battle and the subsequent capture of Santa Ana, led the way to establishing the Republic of Texas.

**Mary Moss**

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### Words of Wisdom from the past...

*"What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else."*

Dr. Adrian Rogers  
1931-2005



## APRIL MEETING



**TUESDAY  
APRIL 14**

**Time:** 10:30 AM - Coffee/Social  
11:00 AM - Speaker/Meeting  
12:00 PM - Lunch

**Place:** HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB  
7615 Ameswood Road

### **Lunch to be Served**

Chicken Alfredo Pasta  
Side Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Assorted Desserts

**Please RSVP:**

**No later than Noon on Friday, April 10th**

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

**or**

**Julie McCracken: 281-398-2687**  
**[juliemc23@sbcgobal.net](mailto:juliemc23@sbcgobal.net)**

### **PROGRAM**

Our speaker this month is Bill Moore  
Head of Juvenile Division,  
Harris County Courts

(See following page for more info)



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## BILL MOORE - JUVENILE DIVISION



Bill Moore is currently Chief of the Juvenile Division of the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston, TX. A graduate of Villanova University, Mr. Moore earned his law degree at Texas Tech University School of Law. For twenty-one years he served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Moore served as Deputy Chief of the Misdemeanor Division, Chief Prosecutor in the 180th District Court, Chief Prosecutor in the 351st District Court, and Chief Prosecutor in the 232nd District Court. In addition, he spent eleven years as a Special Crimes prosecutor handling white collar criminal cases.

As Juvenile Division chief, he oversees 18 attorneys and the administrative staff. They include the prosecution teams in the three juvenile district courts, detention court and the Truancy Section.

We look forward to hearing his presentation at the April 14th General Meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women's club.



## CARING FOR AMERICA - Louise Rugaard



Because I am returning to the classroom as a full time biology teacher, I will not be able to continue as the Caring for America representative for CFRW. Debbie Brown has graciously agreed to take over. She has lots of great ideas and will do a superb job in bringing in even more support from our community. It has been a pleasure working with each of you!

Thank you for the tremendous response to the request for baggies for Operation Interdependence! We contributed 20 boxes of ziplock bags. They had just finished using all of the bags that they had on hand, so we were a big help. For April, we will collect boxes of the individual serving flavor packets (like Crystal Light) to be added to water for refreshing drinks for our soldiers. You can purchase them everywhere from Walgreens to the grocery stores to discount stores. If you have already purchased ziplock bags, please bring them to the meeting and they will be taken to Operation Interdependence, too. At the March meeting, over \$114 was collected for shipping C-Rats boxes. In case none of the above options are appealing to you, OI can use hotel or travel sized toiletries, snack/granola bars and other foods that will not be subject to melting.

Throughout the year, we are collecting knitted or crocheted beanies to be worn beneath helmets in the battle zones as insulation from heat or cold. To get directions and specifications for the beanies please e-mail Debbie at the address below. We are asking for a note to be submitted with each beanie for the recipient. If you cannot knit or crochet, it is likely that you might know someone who does and would enjoy this project, so please pass on the information. Awards will be given at Convention for the units donating the most beanies. To date, we have donated 43 beanies. Great job!

If you have any old cell phones and accessories, please bring them to our meetings to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers. They ask that the battery be attached. If it is more convenient, you may also drop off unwanted cell phones to Liberty Tax locations.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding ways that we can help in our community, please contact Debbie Brown at [diamond.deb@earthlink.net](mailto:diamond.deb@earthlink.net).





# MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING  
March 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Moss, at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was held at Hearthstone Country Club. Chaplain, Suzanne Davis, led the group in an opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas flag.

Membership Chairman, Joy Gregory, welcomed new member, Lois Barclay, and other guests. Program Chairman, Rita Parrish, introduced the speaker, Hazel Roman, Vice-President/Membership TFRW. She presented a very informative and motivating program on increasing our membership. She reminded us all that membership is a lifestyle, not an event and membership is the life blood of an organization.

The minutes were printed in the newsletter and were approved as printed.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported a checkbook balance of \$7,468.22 and savings/scholarship account balance of \$400.46. The report was approved and will be filed with the minutes. Barbara also reported that the Internal Review Committee met on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The 2008 statements were reviewed and all balanced. She thanked Suzanne Davis and Kristen Govantes for serving on the committee. Suzanne volunteered to review the books quarterly.

Ways and Means Chair, Mille Alford, reported on items the club has for sale. CFRW will have a booth at TFRW State Convention to be held in November in Galveston. She will be needing volunteers to help with the CFRW booth. She reported that the High Heels and High Tea 2009 Fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 2 at the Houston National Gold Club. Volunteers, vendors, and silent auction items are needed for this event.

Joy Gregory, Membership Chairman, reported 50 total paid memberships for 2009. We have 47 regular memberships, 7 dual, and 2 associate. Betty Guthrie, Newsletter, thanked everyone for turning in reports on or before the deadline. She also thanked Rita Parrish for her help. She reminded everyone that the deadline for the April newsletter will be Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pam Waldren distributed sign up sheets for members to record volunteer hours. Louise Rugaard, Caring for America Chairman, thanked everyone for donating plastic zip lock bags. She asked for monetary donations for Operation Interdependence. The group was very receptive to her request and Louise thanked everyone for their generosity. She also reminded everyone to continue to crochet the beanie caps, to write note cards, and announced that she will be collecting single drink packets next month.

Under old business, Mary reminded those who would be attending Legislative Day to please turn in their checks to her. She announced that CFRW would be receiving the David Dewhurst 2008 General Election Hours Award to be presented at a banquet on Wednesday night, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mary reported that our club has joined the Chamber of Commerce and a representative is needed to attend the monthly meetings. These meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, the cost is \$25.00 and the RSVP deadline is the Friday before the meeting.





## MINUTES, continued



Announcements – Bill Moore, Head of Harris County Juvenile Courts will be our April 14<sup>th</sup> speaker; March 15<sup>th</sup> is deadline for registering for Legislative Day to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>; Voter Registration Deputy workshops to be held on April 8 at the Barbara Bush Library and on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bear Creek Community Center; TFRW Legislative Day on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Austin; and our reception for Apoltle Claver on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Barbara Buxton’s home. A Peter Barnes book was presented to the speaker. The drawing was held for the door prize. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Dorsey  
Recording Secretary



## MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



### *WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

March came in like a lion and we added three new members and one dual member. Our new members are Lois Barclay, Debbie Brown, Velvye Carrington and Stephanie Peters. Kara Mayfield is our new dual member. Welcome, Ladies, we are delighted to have you.

May has been designated as Membership Month for our club. Be looking for some more information on this at our April meeting.

You may become a member by filling out the attached 2009 Membership Application and returning it to Joy Gregory, Membership Chairman. Please make checks payable to CFRW. Let’s get those memberships rolling in, as we are closing in on our 2009 goal. Great work, Ladies!





# LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



I hope all of you had a chance to read Marilyn Davis' Legislative Update that Mary Moss emailed our club members last month. Marilyn covers the highlights of all that's happening (or not!) in our Texas state government. If you missed it you can find her reports at [http://tfrw.org/VP%20Legislation/Legislative%20Updates/legislative\\_update.html](http://tfrw.org/VP%20Legislation/Legislative%20Updates/legislative_update.html)

Did you send your tea bag to The White House on April 1<sup>st</sup>?

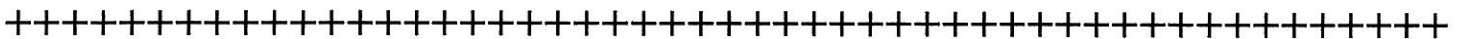
It was one small way that we Americans can let our President know how disappointed we are in his disregard for the hard working tax payers whom he expects to cover his out-of-control, trillion dollar spending extravaganza.

We have an opportunity to protest in person this month:

**Houston Tax Day Tea Party**  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009  
4:00pm – ? pm  
Jones Plaza  
601 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002  
Phone: 281 379-1956  
Email: [fcravens@houstontps.org](mailto:fcravens@houstontps.org)

The theme of the protest is *"YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!"* After you've worked hard to pay YOUR taxes, come protest WHAT they spend your tax dollars ON!

More information can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=59596061956>. If any CFRW members are interested in participating, please let me know!



## BECOME A DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRAR

As you may remember, last year a representative from the Tax Assessor-Collector's office came to one of our meetings and deputized many of us to be Deputy Voter Registrars. The office has changed its way of doing business and will no longer come to individual groups. They are, instead, holding workshops on various dates and at various places to deputize volunteers. Upcoming dates and sites are the following:

- April 8, 2009 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379
- April 22, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Dr., Houston, TX 77084
- April 29, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Tracy Gee Community Center - 3599 Westcenter, Houston, TX 77042

Please consider attending one of these workshops. It is important for our club and for our party to be able to hold voter registration drives. If you have any questions, please call the CFRW President or Marty Morrison, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Office at 713-680-4032.





## WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



With Easter approaching, I personally urge us all to remember what Easter really represents and be grateful for our new beginnings and our Lord's blessings to us.

Another Special Thanks to those who volunteered to help out with the High Heels and High Tea and continue to offer suggestions and assistance. If you are new to our club, please consider offering your help at this year's most exciting fundraiser. Your help can be in several areas: registration, vendors, fashions, silent auction, and others.

October 2, 2009, is our date and we have reserved The Houston National Golf Club. Our Committee is in the process of getting our vendors lined up, along with choosing just the right menu for a great meal and selecting the right emcee to make this a special event. We ask that everyone try to offer at least one name of someone who might be interested in being a vendor for this event. Please email me at [mcaphd@yahoo.com](mailto:mcaphd@yahoo.com) or call me at 713-466-0731. The vendor application will be available at our April meeting, and we urge every member to take a couple and invite participation by those who offer interesting, helpful and entertaining products.

The success of our High Heels and High Tea depends on the participation of each member. We have space for more than 25 vendors, so please don't be shy. We plan to have tickets ready by the June meeting, so start thinking of whom you'd like to invite. Thanks to everyone who gives so much to make CFRW the great organization it is. Welcome to all our new members. Please get involved. It is so rewarding!

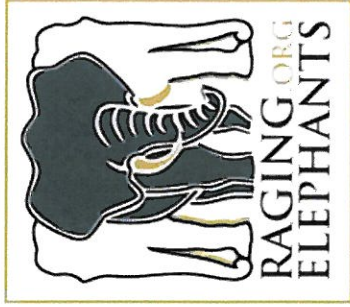
The TFRW State Convention plans in Galveston are well underway. The facilities are beautiful and a great convention is planned. All of the Republican Women organizations in the area will be invited to purchase a vendor booth. Our CFRW plans will include several items which will WOW potential shoppers. We will be auctioning a fantastic Texas-themed quilt, personally designed by Judie Stokes and quilted by her sister. We will also include homemade jelly and snack mixes from our own CFRW members.

Jan Ott will open her beautiful home to our members and will be hosting "Jelly Making with Jan" for a day of fun and socially stimulating camaraderie. Details for the date will be given soon, so dust off your Aunt Martha's jelly and jam recipes. We welcome everyone to attend. If you don't fancy yourself a jelly maker, you can write out the labels. We will find a job suitable to your talents!

We still have Life of the Party cookbooks! They would make great Easter gifts for special family and friends. We plan to display them at the CFRW Booth at the Republican State Convention in November. We still have the Peter Barnes Collection of autographed children's books which would make a great Easter basket treasure for the little ones in your life. Each autographed book is \$18, or buy any 5 titles and receive a \$10 discount (5 @ \$18 = \$90 less \$10 - TOTAL PRICE \$80).

If anyone is interested in getting a cookbook or ordering a denim shirt (\$30) or red sequin t-shirt (\$35), please let me know.





Please join us for a reception  
introducing:

**RagingElephants.org**  
**Featuring Apostle Claver**

Hosted by:  
**Cy-Fair Republican Women**

Wednesday April 29, 2009  
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

At the Home of  
Barbara and Larry Buxton  
15614 Azalea Shores Dr.  
Houston, TX 77070

RSVP:  
281-550-1723

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



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# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2009 Membership Application

DATE:

OFFICE USE:  IN PERSON  MAIL

**PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:**

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		<b>PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Home Address:		Cell Number:	
City, ST Zip Code:		Work Number:	
Precinct #:		Home Number:	
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i>		Email Address:	
Title:		Spouse Name:	
<b>BEST WAY TO REACH YOU</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?</b>	

### CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?

Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:		Relationship to New Member
			Y	N	
			Y	N	

### MEMBER TYPE

Name Badge	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Active	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate	(Members of another club) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting	(Men) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

### GETTING INVOLVED! - - CHECK OFF A MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

<input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Historian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact me with more information on activities at CFRW

Please list talents/skills you possess: (Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)

Please make check payable to **Cy-Fair Republican Women**

**Total Amount Due:**

**Mail check and this form to:**

Please circle Cash or enter Check #:

Joy Gregory  
18219 Waverly Bend Ln.  
Cypress, TX 77433

Date Received:

For more information regarding membership, please contact Joy Gregory: Cell- (713)232-0004 Home - (281)463-8203

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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.

