



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER  
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## A Minute with Mary



Shortly after our first President was elected, a two party system emerged. Much like today, these first two parties represented two different ideas of how our government should function. The Federalists Party of the day supported a strong national government with a powerful president and courts. They supported policies that helped bankers and wealthy businessmen. The Republicans Party of the day supported the Constitution as a plan of government. They, however, did not think that the Constitution gave the national government unlimited powers. They supported policies that helped the nation's farmers and small businessmen. Throughout our history, we have had at least two parties vying for control of our country. Just like days gone by, our two parties have different ideas of how our government should govern.

The core beliefs of today's Republican Party are that each person is responsible for his or her own place in society. Government should enable each person the ability to secure the benefits of society for themselves, their families and for those who are unable to care for themselves. Today's Republican Party believes that each individual's destiny should be in their own hands. Government power and resources should be kept close to the people, through their state and community leaders, and not centralized in distant federal government agencies. By contrast, today's Democrat Party believes it is the responsibility of government to care for individuals, even if it means giving up some rights and/or subordinating enterprise and initiative. Democrats push for the centralization of power to Washington, with only secondary consideration for the rights of both individuals and communities. These tactics have created several federal regulations and controls that are often in the hands of unelected bureaucrats causing a severe erosion of local authority.

Republicans believe government should help stimulate a business environment in which people are free to use their talents to improve their lives through hard work. Democrats believe that government knows what is best for individuals. Believing that it is too complicated for citizens to comprehend, they support the tenet that federal bureaucrats understand what is best for a community and how to define the tax burden necessary to meet a community's obligations.



### CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- July 14.....CFRW Meeting  
Carrabba's Italian Grill
- September 10-13..NFRW 35th Biennial Convention  
Orlando, FL
- September 15.....Greater Houston Council General  
Assembly Meeting, Houston, TX
- October 2.....CFRW High Heels and High Tea  
Luncheon and Fashion Show  
Houston National Golf Club
- November 13-15..TFRW Biennial Convention  
Galveston, TX

Today, the Democrats are in power, controlling the White House, the House of Representatives, and very nearly the Senate. Believing that government knows best, they promote their conviction to every American that the government will take care of any mistakes or misfortunes that befall us. Through the multi-TRILLION-dollar stimulus, they are spending dollars that we do not have to bail out people and companies whose greed, bad judgment, or ignorance resulted in the financial crisis we face today.

It is my hope that the Democrats – both those who serve us and those who elected them – will wake up and realize that government is not the solution for all of our mistakes. Government is there to support and create an environment in which all Americans can prosper by honest, hard work. At the end of the day, Republican or Democrat, we are all Americans first, and we need a government that promotes the concept of individual responsibility.

*When government accepts responsibility for people,  
then people no longer take responsibility for themselves.*

~George Pataki, 53<sup>rd</sup> Governor of New York, Republican

**Mary Moss**



# JULY MEETING



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**TUESDAY  
 JULY 14, 2009**

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

**NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!**

**CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL  
 7540 N. HWY. 6  
 Houston, TX  
 (Copperfield area)**

**Lunch to be Served**

**PLEASE RSVP:  
 No later than Noon on  
 Friday, July 10**

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**PROGRAM**

**MR. TIM GRANEY**

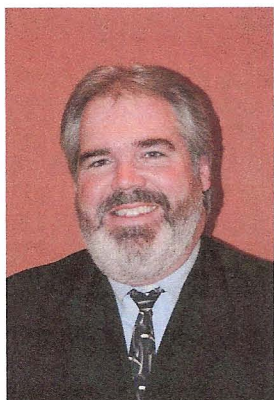
**Independent Technology and Business Consultant  
 Katy Tea Party Patriot Member**

(See following page for more information)





# TIM GRANNEY - KATY TEA PARTY PATRIOT



Our speaker for this month is Mr. Tim Granney. Tim is an Independent Technology and Business Consultant who happens to be very active in politics in the Katy area.

Tim ran for the Katy ISD school board in 2006, is involved in ACT for America and campaigned for John McCain in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2008. He is now a member of Katy Tea Party Patriots where he actively volunteers and is their webmaster.

With Katy Tea Party Patriots organizing a big 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, in which Tim is taking part, he will be able to fill us in on the benefits of organizing an event like this. Please mark July 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and join us for this timely and informative program.

~ Rita Parrish



## MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Ladies, you are doing a wonderful job of recruiting new members. We added two new members at the June meeting to bring our total membership to 63. This is only two away from our goal of 65 members for 2009. Let's see if we can make this 70 members and exceed our goal! We also had nine guests in attendance at our June meeting. Welcome to our new member Jaime Connor Pierce and to Betty Collins who renewed her membership.

CFRW membership applications are available online at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net). Please feel free to download a copy, complete the form and submit it or share copies with your friends.

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Many thanks to Lois Barclay for stepping up and taking over the important job of Campaign Activities Chairman recently vacated by Dawn Fobbs. Please keep track of your volunteer hours and give them to Lois at our next meeting. If you have a question as to what counts, please check out the "Club Information" section in your Membership Book. There is a complete list of acceptable activities and a handy log to help you keep track.



## ALTERNATE DELEGATE NEEDED FOR NFRW CONVENTION



It's not too late to register. The NFRW Biennial Convention is scheduled for September 10-13, 2009 in Orlando, FL. At our May meeting we elected Millie Alford as our delegate and Kay Waghorne as our alternate delegate. Kay has had to change her plans, so we need someone to replace her as our alternate delegate. TFRW has asked Joy Gregory and Dawn Shull to be delegates-at-large, and Jan Ott is a delegate by way of her position as TFRW Treasurer. We can always have either Dawn or Joy step into our alternate delegate position, but we would welcome another CFRW member to volunteer to be the alternate delegate. We want as many members as possible to be delegates of some sort. Just let Mary Moss know, and she will get you all the information, or visit the TFRW Web site.





# MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING  
June 9, 2009

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Emily Klein led us in prayer and pledges to the Federal and State Flags.

Joy Gregory introduced guests. Debbie Brown reminded us to bring articles for the Caring for America program. She also reminded us of the need for crocheted or knitted caps to be worn under helmets.

Rita Parrish introduced our speaker, Mr. Keen Butcher, Managing Director of Equity Sales in Houston, Texas. He holds a BA in Political Economics from Princeton University and an MBA from The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been married 17 years to a seventh generation Texan, and they have four children.

He was the Republican Party Chairman in Santa Clara County, California for ten years. When he began his work there, the Republican Party represented 10% of voters, and the Democratic Party represented 55% of voters. During his tenure he built an effective team of Republicans.

Mr. Butcher said the goal of a party is to implement its particular philosophy. In addition, a party must have a plan—to see if things are working. He suggested that one should do the following: 1. Begin locally (school boards, city government, etc), as this is a lab for local success. 2. Must plan a time horizon that is long-term. 3. The local political arena is a way to learn how the system works. 4. One will learn how to build a coalition and work with both sides. 5. Build a core of activists. 6. Get your base out to vote. 7. Don't quit if you can't get perfection. 8. Being in a Party lets you concentrate on ten or so issues. 9. In Presidential and Gubernatorial race years, there is more voter interest, and these years offer an opportunity to build your Party. He also said that the Party should work for its candidates. There are 32 cities in Harris County, and 25 of those cities should be Republican dominated.

Business meeting resumed with Officer Reports:

Minutes: The May 12, 2009, meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Buxton reported that beginning balance as of April 30, 2009, was \$8174.22. Deposits of \$559.00 and payments of \$697.88 were made to the account. The account balance as of May 31, 2009 was \$8,035.34.

Ways and Means: Millie Alford, Committee Chair, was not present; however, Mary Moss indicated that plans for the High Heels and High Tea October fundraiser were going well. Contact Millie if you want to get a denim shirt for the TFRW Convention in Galveston in November.

Newsletter: Betty Guthrie indicated that the July CFRW Newsletter deadline is June 22, 2009.

Membership: Joy Gregory stated that we now have 63 members. If you would like name tags, please contact Joy.

Campaign Activities: Mary Moss mentioned the dictionaries we give to students at Walker Elementary School.

Caring for America: Debbie Brown urged us to write notes to the soldiers overseas. Operation Interdependence sends 5,000 quart-sized bags filled with items each month. Keep making the caps/beanies for the soldiers.

Old Business:

NFRW: We received a local achievement "Gold" award from NFRW. Club members volunteered 4,298 hours.

The fire fighters fundraiser made about \$62,000.00.





# MINUTES, continued

Suzanne Davis will attend and speak at the next Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce meeting in June.

Mary Moss announced that we will need a location for our August evening meeting. Please notify her if you can hold it in your home, or if you know of a location that could be used for the meeting.

A discussion arose as to the controversial removal of the Homestead Exemption by the Cy-Fair School Board. Mary Moss suggested we familiarize ourselves with the subject and inform the school board of our positions on the issue.

Door prizes were awarded.

Next CFRW General Meeting is July 14, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Doris Jones  
Secretary



## LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



The 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session ended without passing the voter ID law. They also failed to pass legislation supposedly needed to keep agencies such as TX-DOT going; some think the governor will have to call a special session to remedy this but that is not yet certain. If a special session is convened we need to lobby our representatives to include the voter ID law.

For 2010 and 2011, the revenue exemption goes from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 for franchise tax returns. After that the exemption will be \$600,000.

We will be voting in November on a constitutional amendment passed this session that will “prohibit the use of eminent domain for the taking of property for transfer to a private entity for the primary purpose of economic development or enhancement of tax revenue.”

Kudos to Rep. Bohac who was successful in getting his bill, HB 1801 that “expands the sales tax holiday to include basis school supplies,” passed.

For excellent summaries of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session please refer to the following articles:

Marilyn Davis, TFRW VP Legislation: [http://www.tfrw.org/VP\\_Legislation/Legislative\\_Updates/legislative\\_week\\_6\\_5\\_2009.pdf](http://www.tfrw.org/VP_Legislation/Legislative_Updates/legislative_week_6_5_2009.pdf)

*Chaos in last day of legislative session...:* <http://www.statesman.com/news/content/region/legislature/stories/06/02/0602sinedie.html>

*Slater: As the credits roll, this Texas Legislature session looks like a bad movie:* <http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/texasouthwest/columnists/wslater/stories/060209dnmetslaterexlege.410b0a23.html>

*Perry blasts senators who let bill die, says a special session may be necessary:* <http://www.star-telegram.com/804/story/1410919.html>

*What passed, what didn't this legislative session:* <http://www.statesman.com/news/content/region/legislature/stories/06/01/0601legeissues.html>





# CARING FOR AMERICA - Debbie Brown



We had a tremendous response from CFRW and the community during the months of May and June for Operation Interdependence (OI). I will try to summarize donations. During meetings we collected over \$275 for Operation Interdependence. Jerry Harmon, the area manager said a Mother/Daughter charity has volunteered to support OI by collecting toiletries and writing letters. Jerry asked if she could use part of our financial contribution to purchase inexpensive bar stools for the volunteers to sit on as they write letters to our soldiers. I told her we are happy to support OI, and she could use the funds for shipping or whatever she needed to do her job helping our soldiers. We also delivered four boxes of toiletries donated by members, co-workers and two middle schools. We donated four boxes of soft peppermint candy (with imprinted flags), granola bars, powdered tea mixes, and games such as Sudoku, crossword puzzles and playing cards. One of the most important donations we made to Operation Interdependence is the donation of greeting cards and letters from members, friends and a middle school in Boerne, Texas. My sister teaches a computer class, and her class donated over 100 colorful cards and letters! Messages from young folks are so precious and creative and I know they will lift the spirits of our dedicated military personnel! For the month of July we will continue collecting toiletries, individual packets of powdered drink mixes, chap stick and sunscreen individual wipes.

I am also actively searching for sewing, knitting and crochet groups to help make beanies. 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. These knit caps also provide cushioning underneath the hard helmets our soldiers wear for protection. 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. Our tally has grown to 70! 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 at Liberty Tax locations.

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

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## Community Service Opportunity

The Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce and Cy-Fair ISD are looking for volunteers to again be “Bus Buddies” for the first few days of the 2009-2010 school year. The volunteers will ride the buses after school and help the bus driver get the children to their correct destinations with as little hassle as possible.

We will have more information about becoming a “Bus Buddy” at our meeting on July 14th., at Carrabba’s Italian Grill. Please consider giving some of your time to help with this worthwhile effort.





# WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



## High Heels and High Tea



Once again, I encourage and remind new members to get involved. You'll have an opportunity to help with registration, vendors, fashions, silent auction, and other capacities. Friday, October 2, 2009 is the date, and the venue is The Houston National Golf Club. Please try to submit the name of someone who might be interested in being a vendor for this event. You may email me at [mcaphd@yahoo.com](mailto:mcaphd@yahoo.com) or call me at 713-466-0731 (H) or 214-315-6203 (C). The Fashion Show will be great fun, and guests and members will have an opportunity to shop for great bargains. Kelli Ray is in charge of the fashions. A special thank you goes to Jan Ott for help in the speaker category. Ladies, we'll be in for great entertainment!

- **Silent Auction:** Remember to let me know of anyone who might want to donate a silent auction item. It is a great way to advertise! We have some great ideas already, but have room for many more silent auction items.
- **Vendors' Booths:** A big thank you to members who have already expressed an interest in having a vendor's booth. I encourage others who might have a desire to showcase their talents to reserve a booth in which to display and sell their wares.

The success of our High Heels and High Tea depends on the participation of each member. We plan to issue tickets at the July meeting and to ask that everyone try to sell at least one ticket in addition to her own. The cost per ticket is \$50.00. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, or total strangers who might be interested in an enjoyable afternoon with our fun-loving group.

## Texas Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention

The TFRW State Convention will take place November 13-15. We have a block of rooms reserved at the San Luis Hotel, so contact Kay Waghorne if you'd like to reserve a room. There are many other hotel choices, but it is really fun to stay close to the Convention site. More information will be forthcoming about our CFRW vendor booth participation. We will ask members to "oversee" our booth. We plan to have two ladies staff the booth in two-hour shifts. We will have a sign-up sheet at a future meeting.

## CFRW Sales Items

Our new CFRW denim shirts have arrived and will be available at our July meeting. If you need one, please see me before or after the meeting. We have a variety of sizes.

Our *Life of the Party* cookbooks make great gifts! We plan to display them at the CFRW Booth at the TFRW State Convention in November.

We also have the *Peter Barnes Collection* of autographed children's books which would make a great gift for the little ones in your life.

If you are interested in purchasing a political item or can suggest one for our club to sell, please let me know and I will do my best to get information about it. Thanks again for all your support. What an exciting Fall CFRW will enjoy!



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<http://www.CFRW.net> – Cy-Fair Republican Women

<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.