



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
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A Minute with Mary



What in the world is going on these days??? We have people that we usually hold in high esteem cheating on their spouses (and making a public spectacle out of it!), taking bribes, selling black market organs and standing up in front of national TV saying that the police “acted stupidly.” What is with this?

I am appalled that, in some quarters, these same esteemed people have the notion that they can disrespect conventional thinking, put aside all decency and reason, and go rushing off, leaving their official duties, duties that good people elected them to do, not to mention their families, to be with their “soul mate” at some clandestine tryst. I am equally appalled that we have not just one, but several elected officials caught taking bribes. These people were given the trust of their communities to take care of the business of governing, not to line their own pockets. To think that not just one, but several, highly regarded religious figures are enmeshed in black market organs sales is appalling! Shame on all of them!

However, most galling was when our President stood up in front of the nation, even after admitting that he did not know all the details of the incident involving his friend, the black Harvard professor, and had the nerve to intimate racial profiling by the white policeman and that the officer “acted stupidly.” I’m sorry, but even if you never saw one episode of *Cops*, any reasonably intelligent person knows that you are polite and respectful to any police officer and try to comply with their request. Things are much better sorted out with calm dialogue.

And to cry racial profiling is ludicrous. According to *Wikipedia* there are about 300 million people in the US. There are 74% Whites, 13.4% Blacks, 14.8% Hispanics, 4.4% Asian and Other races make up the balance. According to the U.S. Department of Justice the breakdown by race in our prisons is: 40% Black, 35% White, 19% Hispanic, with Asian and Other making up the balance. Since statistics show that a larger percentage of



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- August 11.....CFRW Summer Social
Twin Lakes Community Center
- 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

crime is committed by a smaller ethnic group, it would be poor policing to overlook a questionable incident where someone from that group is involved. Instead of crying bias or bigotry, wouldn't this national podium be better served had Mr. Obama either been honest and said that he did not know all the facts and could not commit? Or, perhaps, if he feels that this is still a major issue (along with health care, the economy and our defense), add this to his Domestic Agenda and take measures to stop or at the very least, stress to that segment of the Black community who is committing that disproportionate amount of crime to cease, so law-abiding Blacks are not under a more stringent scrutiny than other ethnic groups?

What a sad commentary on our nation, and especially the national media, when such a big deal is made of a stupid comment related to a stupid incident. Shame on all of you!!!

From *Come on People* by Bill Cosby – “Few can object to the book’s core propositions: Cherish your children. Get an education. Speak Standard English. Listen to the elders. Banish gun violence. No more excuses.” Good advice for all of us - regardless of race.

Mary Moss



AUGUST MEETING



AUGUST SUMMER SOCIAL

(Inviting all members and guests)

**Tuesday, August 11, 2009
6:45 PM**

Twin Lakes Community Center

**13200 Sunbright Drive
Houston, TX 77041**

**(West off N. Eldridge Pkwy, between
Tanner Rd. and Clay Rd.)**

**Refreshments: Hors d'oeuvres, wine
and other beverages**

**Cost: \$8.00 per person, if payment is
received by Friday, August 7;
\$15 per person after August 7th
or at the door**

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PROGRAM

**Ed Hubbard and Jared Woodfill
Candidates for Harris County GOP Party Chairman**

**Visit with Texas Legislators:
Dwayne Bohac, Bill Callegari, Gary Elkins, Allen Fletcher**



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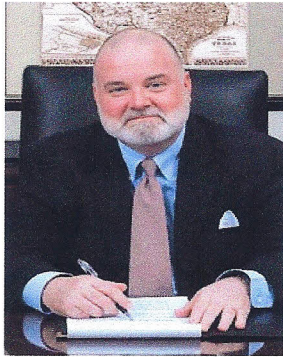
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ED HUBBARD AND JARED WOODFILL Candidates for Harris County GOP Chairman



Mr. Ed Hubbard is one of the candidates for the position of Chairman of the Republican Party of Harris County. Ed has lived in and worked in the Houston area since graduating from law school in 1983. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up in a small town a few miles north of Peoria where he was active in the community, school and church; played and lettered in sports in high school; and served as the president of the student government in junior high, high school and college.

He attended Rockford College, a liberal arts college in Rockford, Illinois, where he earned Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1980. From Rockford, he moved to Dallas, Texas, to attend law school at Southern Methodist University where he graduated in 1983. After graduation, Ed moved to Houston and has practiced law in the Houston area ever since. He has worked for small, medium and large law firms.

Over the years Ed was involved in various civic activities. He has been around politics all his life. In fact, he says that he is genetically Republican, because he grew up around GOP politics. Ed had many relatives who served in various capacities in the GOP in Illinois. He grew up attending Republican fundraisers and learning about political organizing. With all of this experience Ed has learned how to work with people, how to run a business, how to raise funds, and how campaigns and county parties operate and what is needed to improve our party's get-out-the-vote effort throughout the metropolitan area.

Please make plans to be at the August meeting and hear, firsthand, how Ed Hubbard plans to rebuild and re-focus our party toward electing Republicans to public office in Harris County.

~ Rita Parrish



Mr. Jared Woodfill, a life-long resident of Harris County, knows that dedication and commitment equal achievement. Jared learned the meaning of hard work at a very young age. His mother, an instructor at San Jacinto College, taught him the importance of a solid education, and his father, an employee of NASA who helped bring the Apollo 13 crew home, instilled in him the desire to serve his community. Faith and family have always been extremely important to Jared. He and his wife, the former Celeste Ponce, attend Lakewood Church.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and a cum laude graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law, Jared practices law in partnership with the distinguished Republican and former jurist Paul Pressler. Together they have defended conservative principles through their law practice. Jared formerly served as chairman of the Finance Committee and currently serves as chairman of the Judicial Screening Committee of the Harris County Republican Party. He serves as chairman of the Republican Leadership Council and a Special Commissioner for Harris County. He served as vice-chairman for Senate District 17's District Convention, Legal Counsel for the Harris County Republican Party and as a delegate to numerous state and senatorial conventions.

Source: <http://www.harriscountygop.com/chairman.asp>





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

July 14, 2009

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, N. Hwy 6. Chaplain, Suzanne Davis, led the invocation and pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Membership chairman, Joy Gregory, introduced guests.

Mary Moss introduced this month's speaker, Mr. Tim Graney, an organizer of the Katy, Texas Tea Party. He is an independent technology and business consultant. He moved to Texas in 1990 from upstate New York and comes from a family of Democrats. His personal political beliefs changed as he began to see that there were problems within the communities in which we live—especially in our education system. He decided to run for the school board, but was not elected. Mr. Graney then began supporting board members who shared his views on education, and he began going to meetings.

For grass roots organizations to be successful they need leaders, foot soldiers, money and supportive spouses and families. We need to find our particular strengths and bring them to the organization. The Katy Tea Party began with several people who met at Los Cucos Restaurant. Mr. Graney started as Finance Chair of the group. He then became the Webmaster (katytea.com). Organizing by school districts is a good way to begin. Politicians should not speak at the tea parties—just be on the ground with the people. The Katy Tea Party was held on July 4, 2009, in a hayfield near Brookshire. Fifteen Hundred people attended. Many came from all over Texas. The parties are organized around fiscal issues such as energy policies, taxes, etc.

Mr. Graney also talked about the group, Act for America, founded by Bridgette Gabriel. Mr. Graney became involved with Act for America, because a mosque was going to be built in Katy. Act for America promotes American values and stands up for them when American values are attacked.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: The June 9, 2009, Minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Buxton reported that the beginning balance as of May 31, 2009, was \$8,035.34. Deposits were \$357.00. Expenses were \$751.95. The balance of our account as of June 30, 2009, was \$7,640.39. Our savings account for CFRW Scholarship Fund earned \$0.29 interest, which gives the account a balance as of June 30, 2009, of \$500.75.

Ways and Means Report: Mary Moss gave the report as Millie Alford was not present. The High Heels and High Tea, October 2, 2009, fundraiser is progressing. We have secured three vendor booths. It will be a fashion show and silent auction. The TFRW Convention is November 13-15, 2009, in Galveston. We have a booth and will sell jellies and jams. Be sure to get your denim shirt for the convention. Contact Mary Moss or Millie Alford.

Newsletter: Bette Guthrie indicated that the August newsletter deadline is July 27, 2009.

Membership: Joy Gregory announced that new membership pages were available for our Membership Books. See her for the new pages.





MINUTES, continued

Campaign Activities: Lois Barclay circulated the list for recording volunteer hours.

Caring for America: Debbie Brown reminded us to keep collecting items for our soldiers. We can volunteer at the Operation Interdependence on Jones Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. She also mentioned getting knitting and crocheting parties to make beanies for the soldiers.

Publicity: Pam Waldren indicated that she needs telephone numbers and names of our homeowner association contacts, so she can advertise our club in the local newsletters.

Old Business:

Joy Gregory has printing paper for the membership application forms. If you would like to get some and help print out the forms, it would be appreciated. New membership books are in as well.

September 17 is Constitution Day Project. Each fifth grader will be given a copy of the *United States Constitution*. We would like to give copies of the Constitution to Walker Elementary School where there are approximately 100-150 children. Our cost would be approximately \$150.00. Debbie Brown made the motion to purchase these items. Suzanne Davis seconded the motion. Members passed the motion.

Mary Moss asked for volunteers for the "Bus Buddies" Program. There is a 2-3 hour training session at the Berry Center, and then volunteers ride on the school buses and assist children in getting off at their correct bus stop.

Mary Moss stated that we can have five regular and five alternate delegates for the TFRW convention November 13-15, 2009, in Galveston. See her if you would like to be a delegate.

Door prizes were awarded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Doris Jones, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Ladies, you are doing a wonderful job of recruiting new members. We added two new members at the July meeting to bring our total membership to 65. Welcome to new members **Mary Ann Edwards** and **Amanda Pepe**.

If you have joined the club recently and have not received a handbook, please let me know. I will have updated membership rosters and bylaws at the August meeting. Make sure you see me, so you can update your handbook.

HOW CAN I BECOME A CFRW MEMBER?

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





Health care reform is ObamaSpeak for health care rationing. It doesn't have to be this way. Look at [The Health Care Freedom Plan](#)¹ that Senator Jim DeMint has put forth - a reasonable plan that will actually help all families obtain health insurance while not taxing us to death. With the current Democratic congressional stronghold it will not see the light of day because it puts us the people in charge and not the government.

The line that we will be able to keep our current health plan is just one of many [broken promises](#)² with the health care plan now in Congress whose "goal is to reduce everyone's consumption of health care and to ensure that people have the same health-care experience, regardless of ability to pay". Democrats like to tell us we have a [right to health care](#)³, but isn't a [right](#) the freedom to choose our own rather than being forced to accept government dictated terms?

How can proponents claim this plan will not cover [illegal aliens](#)⁴ when the House defeated a Republican amendment written precisely to keep this group from receiving health care subsidized by the government? The current legislation may not overtly include illegal aliens but neither does it "require any state, federal, or local agency to check the immigration status of those who apply for the program." The possibility of fraud is rife.

Congress, as a means to cover a number of uninsured, is considering a proposal to [expand medicaid](#)⁵ in a major way. This counteracts the proposed individual mandate to buy health insurance by removing large numbers of healthy individuals from the general pool, thus reducing the mandate's effectiveness.

Far from the claim that ObamaCare will not "tax" most Americans, the truth is the burden will ultimately fall on all Americans, [particularly](#) on lower income Americans. The [employer mandate](#)⁶ part of the proposed bill will most certainly result in employers eventually passing their costs on to their employees through "lower wages, smaller raises, less frequent promotions, lower starting pay to new employees, and/or wage cuts due to the 'recession.'"

American Thinker writer Randall Hoven supports [universal coverage](#)⁷ but not a national health care or single-payer system. His plan would call for important guidelines including a limit on public health spending based on GDP, medical tort reform and private choices.

Dr. John Dunn has a very interesting perspective on [healthcare policy, social justice and thugs](#)⁸ in which he discusses "the beginning of the death of good American Medicine 35 years ago..." He purports that good, cheap catastrophic health insurance is the way to go for most Americans.

For a dizzying overview of what may be in store for us, you must check out the [Organizational Chart of the House Democrats' Health Plan](#)⁹. It speaks for itself.

For insight into what President Obama thinks and values in this health care debate, look at two of his key health care advisers. For good reason Betsy McCaughey refers to them as [deadly doctors](#)¹⁰. Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel (brother of White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel) says that "'communitarianism' should guide decisions on who gets care," and that "[medical care should be reserved for the non-disabled](#), not given to those 'who are irreversibly prevented from being or becoming participating citizens.'" The good doctor also "[explicitly defends discrimination against older patients](#)." Consider that the current bill is to be funded by a \$500 billion-plus cut in Medicare over 10 years and I think you get the picture. Dr. David Blumenthal "[recommends slowing medical innovation](#)" and [considers the value of timely health care](#) "debatable."

If you have a couple hundred hours to spare, read [H.R. 3200](#)¹¹ for yourselves.

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WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



Greetings! Thanks to all who have volunteered for High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show fundraiser. Our committees are complete, but we still have room for others who might want to volunteer. We are expecting a record turn-out. The tickets are printed, and we will distribute them at the August meeting. If you are not going to be present at that meeting, please contact me, and I will make sure you get your tickets.

Silent Auction: We have several items which have been donated by our vendors. I have e-mailed over 85 letters and applications, and the response is great. We already have about ten who have committed and it is still early, so we are doing great!

Vendors' Booths: If you know someone who you think might be interested, please ask them to contact me. I will be glad to send them the information, or if you'd like to give someone an application, I'll be happy to e-mail it to you. I will also be glad to send you a copy. My home number is 713-466-0731. My cell is 214-315-6203 and my e-mail address is mcaphd@yahoo.com. Just a reminder, the High Heels and High Tea is set for Friday, October 2, 2009, at Houston National Golf Club.

TFRW Convention News

We will have information about our booth for the convention soon. We will also have the date for our "Booth Workday", so please find that favorite jelly/jam recipe. Everyone should try to attend the convention, especially since it is in Galveston. I think it will be a great time. Remember if you need hotel arrangements, please contact Kay Waghorne. We have a block of rooms at the San Luis Hotel.

CFRW Sales Items

We still have cookbooks, Peter Barnes books, denim shirts, and red t-shirts! If anyone would like to purchase any of these items, please contact me. I will have these items at our next meeting as well.

We have a busy schedule planned, but with everyone's help, we'll have a great success. Thanks for your support!



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