



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2011

Rita's Reflections



Hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to a great New Year. It was a fun and rewarding fall with the mid-term elections yielding many more Republicans in our state and federal governments. It should be an interesting year going into 2011 with our goal to put more Republicans in office and our club goal to increase our active membership to a minimum of 100. We will need each and every one of you to help with bringing more interested friends to our events and encouraging them to become a part of our efforts. We are going to need more active members in order to secure the Presidency in 2012, so let's get busy and invite all your friends to our meetings and other events this year.

As I become the new President for the next two years, I would like to thank Mary Moss for her excellent attention to the leadership of our club. Her sincerity and warmth have continued the welcoming hospitality of Cy-Fair Republican Women and kept us moving forward and growing. Many thanks go to Mary for making our meetings fun, informative and friendly.

Becoming the President has changed my perspective, as I know I have some very successful predecessors to follow. Being a charter member has been a wonderful experience for me these past five years. Holding other offices in the club has been an excellent learning curve which will help prepare me for the responsibilities of guiding the club, along with my board, into new projects and means to involve our members in advancing Republican ideals and goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their efforts and hard work in service to our organization each and every month that we have been in existence. We would not have been able to have so many successful events without all the time and energy each and every one of our members has put into making it all work.

Our new year of 2011 already has some important and fun upcoming events scheduled. The Greater Houston Council's first meeting of the year on January 18th will spotlight all of our area's new club presidents. On January 20th our club has organized a field trip to Bryan, TX, for a tour and lunch at the Messina Hof Winery followed by a tour of the George Bush Presidential Museum and Library in College Station, TX.

Greater Houston Council will then host a learning day with their "Nut and Bolts" Seminar on February 15th which will give new officers and other interested club members a chance to learn more about how to approach doing their new jobs to achieve the best results.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- January 11.....CFRW Regular Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- January 13.....CFRW Board Meeting
(10:00 a.m.) Hearthstone Country Club
- January 18.....Greater Houston Council Mtg.
(9:30 a.m.) SOSA Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd. @ Westview
- January 20.....CFRW Field Trip to Bush Presi-
(TBD) dential Museum and Library/
Messina Hof Winery
Bryan/College Station, TX
- January 31.....Legislative Day Registration
DEADLINE
- February 8.....CFRW Regular Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- February 15.....Greater Houston Council "Nuts
(TBD) & Bolts" Seminar
SOSA Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd. @ Westview
- March 2.....TFRW Fundraiser Dinner
(TBD) Austin, TX
- March 3.....Legislative Day at the Capitol
(8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) Austin, TX

On March 3rd TFRW hosts Legislative Day in Austin which is a wonderful opportunity for us all to visit the Capitol and for our club to be recognized in the House and Senate. Almost everyone wears red, so it's hard not to miss us when we are all there. It's a fun and energizing day. A TFRW fundraiser has been scheduled on the night before Legislative Day which some of us might consider attending.

This year is also our biennial fundraiser, "High Heels and High Tea". Although this event occurs in October, we will start planning in March and April. It's always been a fun and rewarding event for our club and is a great chance for everyone to become involved in making it successful. Our Ways & Means Chair will be heading up this event and will appreciate all your help.

I'm excited anticipating all the many interesting programs throughout the year with speakers who will share their knowledge on a variety of subjects. I know that we will all roll up our sleeves and do the work that makes it all so rewarding to be members of Cy-Fair Republican Women!

~ Rita Parrish



JANUARY MEETING



**TUESDAY
JANUARY 11, 2011**

PROGRAM

CAROLYN HODGES

1st VP Special Events of TFRW

**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: TBD

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

Beverage/meeting (\$3).....Lunch/meeting (\$15)

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011
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CAROLYN HODGES



We are very pleased to have Carolyn Hodges as our speaker this month. Carolyn Hodges, presently serves as TFRW's 1st Vice-President, Special Events and previously served as Deputy President, Region II. She was Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women President in 2006-07 and has held numerous offices in her club, Village Republican Women. She was named one of ten "Outstanding Republican Women" in 2009 at the TFRW Convention. She also taught Texas History, Geography, and U.S. History and Government at Memorial Middle School in Spring Branch ISD for many years. Carolyn also worked part time in the offices of Congressmen Bill Archer and John Culberson. Besides being active in numerous campaigns, she enjoys gardening, reading, traveling and her Golden Retrievers. Carolyn and her husband Tom live in Houston.

~ Rita Parrish



CFRW ROAD TRIP - JANUARY 20th



Come join us on a day trip to the George Bush Presidential Museum and Library and the Messina Hof Winery in Bryan/College Station, TX! On Thursday, January 20th, we will meet at 8-8:30 a.m. at a central location to carpool. We will begin with a tour and tasting at the winery at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will then go to College Station, TX, to tour the Bush Museum and Library at about 2 p.m. The estimated cost of the trip including tour, lunch and admission (excluding tax and gratuity) is about \$30 per person.

Watch for the E-vite to arrive with more details and reservation deadline!



LITERACY PROGRAM



The members of Cy-Fair Republican Women's (CFRW) club volunteer for many worthwhile causes throughout the year. One of their favorite activities is to donate dictionaries annually to every third grader at Walker Elementary School in the CFISD. December 2010 marked the fifth consecutive year the club has donated the reference books to students.

In September 2010, the Cy-Fair Republican Women donated Constitution Books to every fifth grade student in the Social Studies classes at Walker Elementary School. CFRW challenged each student to write a one-page essay on "What the U.S. Constitution Means to Me". After submitting the essay to their teachers, the top essay was chosen from each class. The chosen essays were then submitted to CFRW for the final selection of the winner to be made. The student with the most outstanding essay was presented with a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble Bookstore at the award ceremony on December 8th at the school. The Constitution Books are used when the students study U.S. Government in the spring. CFRW President Mary Moss stated, "We take a lot of pride in helping this school and strive to make a difference in the lives and education of these students.

In addition to aiding Walker Elementary School, CFRW supports our troops through monetary donations and providing travel-sized items such as toiletries, treats, baggies, etc. to Operation Interdependence. Members also crochet or knit caps to be worn under helmets. All items are bagged at Operation Interdependence and shipped to our troops around the world.

Cy-Fair Republican Women currently meet at 10:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Hwy. 6N. An optional lunch follows the program/speaker. If you are interested in participating in CFRW, visit the Web site at www.cfrw.net.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN REGULAR MEETING



THERE WAS NO REGULAR MEETING OF CFRW IN DECEMBER 2010. NEW OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED AT OUR DECEMBER 5TH CHRISTMAS PARTY. (Please see "CFRW Board Members" on page 2 of this newsletter for list of new officers and committee chairmen.)

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary



TFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY

TFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY for all Texas club members is scheduled on Thursday, March 3, 2011, in Austin, TX. The day begins at 8 a.m. at the Austin Convention Center with registration, a continental breakfast, silent auction and a tour of the Capitol. See our Texas Congress at work! At noon there will be a luncheon with award presentations and special speakers at the Convention Center. A choice of afternoon Workshops is available for your participation. Planned activities will end at 3:30 p.m. The Registration Fee is \$65.00. The completed registration form and payment **must be postmarked by January 31, 2011 and mailed to TFRW**. See the TFRW Legislative Day Registration Form enclosed in this newsletter or at www.tfrw.org for more information. Don't forget to wear RED!

TFRW is planning a fundraising dinner with a speaker on Wednesday evening, March 2, 2011, to which all are invited. Details will be forthcoming.

CFRW President Rita Parrish has reserved a block of rooms at the Courtyard by Marriott – Convention Center, 300 E. 4th St., Austin, TX, for Wednesday, March 2, 2011, for those wishing to stay the night. Each room has two queen beds and costs \$104. PLEASE contact Rita at reparrish@hotmail.com, if you are planning to spend the night, as the **room reservation deadline is Monday, February 7, 2011**. This will be on a first come, first serve basis.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the January 11, 2011, CFRW meeting.



WAYS & MEANS - Suzanne Davis



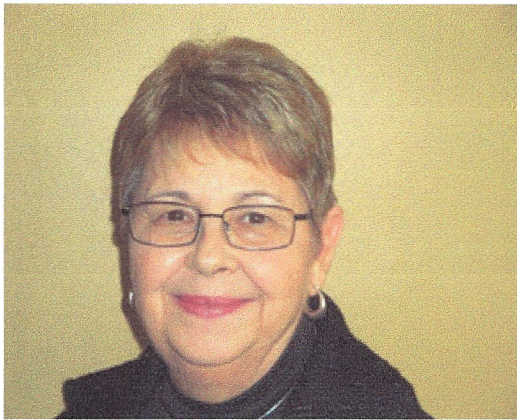
I would like to take a moment to thank Millie Alford for all her hard work as the CFRW 2nd VP: Ways & Means. During the past two years, Millie has worked diligently on sales of club denim shirts, tee shirts, cookbooks and other items as well as CFRW's biennial fundraiser "High Heels and High Tea". Millie, we are grateful for all that you have done. You are the perfect person to be the new 1st VP: Programs!

Ladies, please contact me or see me at the meeting to purchase any CFRW items. Be sure to order your CFRW shirt in time to wear at the upcoming Legislative Day on March 3, 2011, in Austin.





SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Joy Gregory



Joy (Freeman) Gregory is a rare breed, a Native Texan. She was raised in Corpus Christi and moved to Houston in 2000. She was married to Shelby Gregory for 42 years prior to his death in 2006. They have two daughters, Allison and Meredith, and one granddaughter, Shelby Claire.

Joy received her Bachelor's Degree from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX, and her Master's Degree from Texas A&M Corpus Christi. She taught high school chemistry for 27 years before retiring in 2003. During her teaching career, she coached Academic Decathlon and Odyssey of the Mind. She taught in Corpus Christi Independent School District and in Katy Independent School District.

Her dear friend Alice McDill coaxed her into joining CFRW in 2007. Since that time she has served as Hospitality Chair and Membership Chair. Joy has also attended two TFRW Conventions and the NFRW Convention in Orlando, FL. Among her other activities are serving as a Representative to the State GOP Convention in 2010; working on various campaigns; serving as Election Judge, Assistant Election Judge, and Election Clerk. She has also been active in voter registration. Joy is looking forward to serving as the CFRW Campaign Activities Chair for 2011-12.

CFRW thanks Joy for her dedication and support of our club, TFRW, NFRW and the GOP!



MEMBERSHIP - Betty Guthrie



I would like to thank Joy Gregory for her dedicated efforts as CFRW Membership Chair during the past two years as CFRW reached its goal of 81 members! It will be a challenge for me to match her record, as we strive to attain this year's goal of 100 members. I encourage our club members to reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to our monthly programs and events.

The next two years will be crucial to the Republican Party to reclaim the Presidency, maintain a majority in the House and occupy additional seats in the Senate in 2012. CFRW CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Through our programs and volunteer efforts, we can share the philosophy and ideals of the conservative agenda with the electorate. Increasing the "grassroots" membership of CFRW will help the GOP reach its goals!

The Membership Drive 2011 has begun! Welcome back members who have renewed their CFRW memberships: **Suzanne Davis, Susan Draughon, Phyllis Kyd, Melissa Ronquillo and Judie Stokes!**

To renew your membership or to become a new member please complete the Membership Application enclosed in this newsletter (or download the one on the Web site www.cfrw.net). Submit it and your dues to me at a meeting or mail them to Betty Guthrie, 12306 Francel Lane, Cypress, TX 77429. Checks should be payable to "CFRW".





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2011 Membership Application

DATE:

OFFICE USE: IN PERSON MAIL

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION	PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <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:
BEST WAY TO REACH YOU	NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

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

Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:	Relationship to New Member
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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"/>
Associate Man	(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"/> Legislation	<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 #:

Betty Guthrie
12306 Francel Ln.
Cypress, TX 77429

Date Received:

For more information regarding membership, please contact Betty Guthrie: 281-370-3956 (Home)



TFRW Legislative Day

Thursday, March 3, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Return to: TFRW, 1108 Lavaca, Suite 505, Austin, TX 78701
Questions... please contact us at 512 477 1615 or tfrw@tfrw.org

Deadline: Registration form and payment must be **postmarked by January 31, 2011**
Checks payable to TFRW PAC
Registration Fee \$65.00

Name of TFRW Club _____

Name _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

Email _____

I am a Patron and wish to sit at the Patrons Table

\$65.00 Legislative Day: Registration Fee covers Charter buses to Capitol, Luncheon, Workshops, and Convention Center Costs

8:00–11:30am **Registration**, Austin Convention Center
Continental Breakfast, Austin Convention Center
Capitol, Committee Hearings, Resolutions House and Senate
Silent Auction, Austin Convention Center
8:45 AM Tour of Capitol _____ **9:30 AM Tour of Capitol** _____ (each tour limited to 40 people)

12:00–1:30pm **Luncheon**, award presentations and special speakers
Austin Convention Center

1:45-3:30 pm **Workshops please mark your choices by preference**
_____ **Mapmaker, Mapmaker: Drawing Fair and Equitable Lines for the Next Decade;** Lead by Eric Opiela, Election Law Attorney and former Exec Director of RPT
_____ **Squeaky Wheel Training: How to Navigate Texas Legislature Online;** Lead by Amy Clark, SREC District 21 Member
_____ **2011 Legislative Issues;** Lead by Will Lutz, Editor of the Lone Star Report

Registrations forms will be processed on a “first received” basis. If a club wishes to ensure seating together, they should consolidate registration forms and payment in one envelope

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Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women
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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.