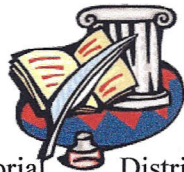




Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2010

A Minute with Mary



On March 20, County and Senatorial District (SD) Conventions were held across Texas. These were the second steps in a process that allows grass roots participation in shaping the Republican Party of Texas. The next step is the State Convention that is to be held in Dallas in June. At this convention delegates will elect the party officers for the next two years and vote on items to be included (or not to be included) in the party's platform.

On that March Saturday, delegates were elected to the State Convention. I am proud to say that CFRW had nine ladies in attendance and all nine were elected to be delegates to the State Convention. Congratulations and thanks to Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Gail Shubot, Kay Waghorne, and Jude Wiggins for giving of their time to attend. They will be going to Dallas to represent their precincts, Senatorial District, and CFRW.

The tasks before these delegates will be to elect the Party's officers, finalize and confirm the Republican Party of Texas' Platform. At our SD Convention we voted on 61 resolutions to be presented to the State Resolutions Committee. These resolutions came out of all the Precinct Conventions. These resolutions were scrutinized by the SD7 Resolutions Committee. In some cases the resolution was merged with similar resolutions to make up the final list. This list will be sent to the Resolutions Committee at the state level, where they will be added or combined with other resolutions from around the state.

These 61 resolutions were presented in the form of a committee report and concerned diverse topics ranging from abortion, border security, health care reform, immigration, government spending and almost anything else you can imagine in between. (To see a complete listing of the resolutions passed, check www.harriscountygop.com – the committee is supposed to publish them there). Since our party is as diverse as our country, not all of us agreed with each and every one of these resolutions. The convention gave an opportunity to debate some of the resolutions, but due to



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- April 5 - 9.....Early Voting for Primary
(7 a.m. - 7 p.m.) Run Off Election
- April 13..... Primary Run Off Election
(7 a.m. - 7 p.m.) Day
- April 13.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- May 11.....CFRW Membership Drive/
(10:30 a.m.) General Meeting
Carrabba's Italian Grill

time constraints and parliamentary rules, it was very difficult make many changes to the Resolutions Committee report from the floor. Our SD7 committee, as I am sure all the other committees across the state, spent many, many hours putting together the resolutions. It is difficult at the actual convention to address each and every one of the resolutions, especially when things get bogged down with arguments over wording and grammar.

With such diversity in our Party not all of us will agree on every single item on our platform. However, being a part of the Republican Party is not about toe stepping in line on every single issue. We can disagree on some parts and still consider ourselves good Republicans. It's like when you go and vote – why would you not support a candidate with whom you agree the majority of the time over someone with whom you agree little or none of the time?

That being said, if you feel strongly about a specific issue being included or excluded from the resolutions, you need to get involved. Join the committee either at the SD or state level. It is at the committee level that you can have real input in drafting the direction of our party.

Mary Moss

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.

~ Lily Tomlin



APRIL MEETING



**TUESDAY
APRIL 13, 2010**

PROGRAM

DWAYNE BOHAC

State Representative, District 138

**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: Penne Pasta with Italian Sausage,
Bell Pepper and Fennel
House Salad
Bread
Dessert Rosa - Butter Cake
Topped with Fruit**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010
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DWAYNE BOHAC



Our speaker this month is Representative Dwayne Bohac. He represents District 138 which includes Bear Creek, Spring Branch, Oak Forest, Garden Oaks and Cy-Fair communities in the west and northwest part of Houston.

Representative Bohac was elected in 2002 and serves as a member of the prestigious Ways and Means Committee. He also works on the Elections and Local and Consent Calendar Committees.

A graduate of Scarborough High School, Dwayne Bohac earned his Bachelors Degrees in Political Science and Marketing from Texas A&M University. Graduating from A&M with Honors, he returned to the area where he grew up and started a retail business which he still operates today.

Plan to attend this meeting and get the latest from Representative Bohac on what is presently happening in the legislature of Texas.

~ Rita Parrish



HOSPITALITY - Melissa Ronquillo



Thanks to our hospitality volunteers who have done an outstanding job with helping to ensure that every attendee at our monthly meetings gets signed in, payment is completed and door prize tickets given with efficiency and a welcoming smile!

I have been volunteering for the last three months with the hospitality group and find it has been a great experience. This is a perfect ice breaker to meet members and guests before the meeting and share a few words. I would like to encourage each member to volunteer at least once during this year to share in this experience. All this entails is a smile and coming to the meeting a half-hour earlier. Who knows, you may find that volunteering is fun and may lead you to step out of your comfort zone to do more for the Republican Party.

If you are interested in helping out, contact me by e-mail mcronquillo@sbcglobal.net or by my cell 832-298-1429.





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CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

March 9, 2010

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Emily Klein led us in prayer and pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag. Joy Gregory introduced guests and new members. Rita Parrish then introduced Mr. Kendall Miller from the group Texans for Lawsuit Reform. He gave an overview of legislation past and current that the organization has worked to get implemented by the Texas legislature, and how the organization was able to effectively get tort reform laws passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, indicated the February's minutes were printed in the Newsletter, and they were approved as published.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported that our balance as of January 31, 2010, was \$11,717.39. Deposits of \$1,443.00 and payments of \$894.01 were made during the month which left us with a balance of \$12,266.38. The balance of the scholarship fund as of February 28, 2010, was \$901.08.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, was not present; however, Mary indicated that T-shirts were available.

Newsletter Editor, Betty Guthrie, informed us that the Newsletter deadline was Monday, March 22, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, indicated we now have 56 active members (new and renewed members), 13 dual, and six associate (men). We have 24 or 25 memberships that have not yet been renewed. Our goal for 2010 is 81 active members. We ended 2009 with 70 active members, and we will have a Membership Drive in May.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around the volunteer hours sheet and said she would be registering voters at Lone Star College on Wednesday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to help can speak to her after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, informed us that the Financial Review Committee had reviewed the books of the organization, and they had found them to be in good order.

Dawn Shull, Legislation Chair, gave a report on the Primary Convention and indicated that the run-off election will be held on April 13th, and early voting for the run-off will be held April 5th - 9th.

Mary stated that the Greater Houston Council "Nuts 'N Bolts" workshop was informative, and all of the women who attended had a great time.

Rita reported that the Judges' Forum was a success. Even though we had some very extreme weather the night of the forum, we had a great candidate turnout. The audience was able to track and make notes on the candidates with our handout. Rita thanked the members who helped with the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a discussion of the Cy-Fair Women's Expo, Jan Ott moved that we get a booth at the event which will be held on April 21, 2010, at the Houston National Golf Club from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lois Barclay seconded the motion, and the motion





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was passed. Cost of the booth is \$75.00. We will register voters, accept memberships, and sell cookbooks. We hope the booth will give the club more exposure within the community.

Our Membership Drive will be May 11, 2010.

There will be a Tribute to Women at the Dallas Republican State Convention on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$59. Mary explained that four women from each club can be honored. Usually it is the club's past and current presidents who are honored by their clubs. These women will be honored at the convention and will get their picture taken with a Republican dignitary. Mary passed out a sign-up sheet for those who wish to attend the event. We can think about whom we wish to nominate and take a vote at the next general meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010—Greater Houston Council meeting (CFRW on snack list);

Monday, March 22, 2010—Newsletter Deadline; Tuesday, April 13, 2010—Run-off Election; Tuesday, April 13, 2010—CFRW General Meeting—Rep. Patricia Harless speaker; Tuesday, May 11, 2010, CFRW General Meeting—author, Eric Golub speaker—Membership Drive.

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



April is already here, and May will be here all too soon. We will have our annual Membership Drive at the May 11th meeting. We have an entertaining program lined up for that day. Please invite your friends and neighbors to accompany you to the May meeting. There will be gifts for each guest and the member who brings them. At this time we have 58 Active Members. Our goal for this year is 81, so you can see we need to increase our efforts to sign up new members.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting for anyone who would like to work on the Membership Committee. Please consider helping.

Welcome to our new members, **Wanda Threadgill, Norma Ovalle** and **James Lombardino**. We are glad to have you in our club!

A Membership Application is included in this newsletter for your convenience. A form is also available online at www.cfrw.net. Please download a copy, complete the form and mail it to the Membership Chairman or bring it with you to the next meeting. Share the form with your family and friends!





Were you amazed at the national coverage our State Board of Education received last month? Do you even know who they are? There are 15 members who are elected for four-year terms (usually appearing way down the ballot) and uncompensated¹. Harris County has three board members: District 6 (West) - Terri Leo (R), District 4 (Central) - Lawrence Allen, Jr. (D), and District 7 (East) - David Bradley (R). Usually they do their appointed work in relative obscurity, but when they talk about changing the history textbooks to reflect a more conservative curriculum² they make both the New York Times³ and Fox News.⁴ Do an internet search of "Texas Textbook Wars" to see just how widespread the interest is.

Although the actual revisions will not be posted until mid-April, it appears that recommended changes will include the study of: how Christian principles guided our Founding Fathers, the resurgent conservative movement of the 1980s, the unintended consequences of well-meaning Great Society and other legislation³, and the free market economics of Milton Friedman and Friedrich von Hayek.³ Looks like hip-hop is out. The final vote will be at the May meeting of the SBOE.

¹<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3803>

²http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index.aspx?id=3427&menu_id=720&menu_id2=785

³<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/13/education/13texas.html>

⁴<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2010/03/11/kelly-shackelford-texas-textbook-social-studies-standards-american-history/>

IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE DATES

Republican Run Off Election is April 13th with Early Voting taking place from April 5th through April 9th.

Supreme Court, Place 3

Debra Lehrmann v. Rick Green

District Judge, 180th Judicial District

Danny Dexter v. Marc Brown

Family District Judge, 308th Judicial District

Alice J. O'Neill v. James Lombardino

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, Place 2

Jeff Williams v. George Huntoon

Harris County Republican Party Chairman

Ed Hubbard v. Jared Woodfill





LEGISLATIVE, continued



Obamacare Passes

March 22: Travelling back from Albuquerque yesterday evening, I knew we had lost the battle, but, take heart, we have not lost the war. Please read the Heritage Foundation president's article entitled simply *Repeal*. Remember, "the American people are never permanently thwarted," and "there are no permanent victories or defeats in Washington." We the people cannot let this "tragedy of arrogance" prevail.

http://blog.heritage.org/2010/03/22/morning-bell-repeal/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Morning%2BBell



CFRW JUDGES' FORUM...A SUCCESS



Despite the snow and cold, our CFRW Judges' Forum was a huge success! Of the 45 judges expected, only three cancelled due to the inclement weather. All the folks who attended got a rare glimpse of the candidates for the judicial races that were on the March 2 Primary ballot. The forum format allowed all the candidates for each position to be on stage together. Each had three minutes to present themselves and their qualifications to the audience. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear each candidate. The forum enabled attendees to learn more about each judicial candidate and to make a more informed choice when they go to the polls to cast their ballot.

A big thank you to all of those who helped: Joy Gregory, Sandra Vinklerek, Suzanne Davis, Lois Barclay, Jude Wiggins, Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott, Millie Alford, Dawn Shull, Doris Jones and, especially, Rita Parrish for contacting the candidates and organizing the event. Thanks go to Alan Jones, his wife and the Westside Fellowship Church for their help and for allowing us to use their facility, as well as to the James Lambardino campaign for donating the delicious pastries.

~ Mary Moss





Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC

Membership Application

Dues are: (Check one)

- \$30 Active/Voting (Primary member of our club)
 \$20 Associate (Voting member of another club)
 \$35 Associate Man (Man who wishes to support our club)

Make Checks Payable to: CFRW (No Corporate Checks Allowed)
(Dues are for January to December Annually)

Title: Mrs. – Ms. – Miss – Dr. – Mr. – Other Title _____
Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Fax # _____ Email Address: _____
Spouse: _____ Precinct # _____ Birthday: _____
Occupation: (Required under PAC laws) _____ Official or Candidate (Position) _____

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<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.