

Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2010

A Minute with Mary



There is absolutely no doubt that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is catastrophic. It is tragic that the waters and shore lines of the Gulf are being polluted; it is tragic that the animals are suffering and dying; and it is tragic that people's livelihoods are being threatened. It is unquestioned that this accident has very grave consequences to the environment and to the lives of the people of the Gulf. However, what the news media and Washington, DC would like us to forget is that it was an accident.

There is no evidence that British Petroleum acted with malice or premeditation. They did not intentionally blow up the well as an act of terrorism or to gain something. Yes, it would seem that they may have acted in an illadvised manner to speed up the drilling process, but illadvised does not equate to maliciousness.

Unfortunately, disasters happen all the time. According to the list of the 10 Tragic Accidents in history on the Web site crunkish.com, there were 14,000 deaths last century related to airplane crashes. Did we suspend air travel? No. Did we set up some rules and regulation regulating air travel? Yes. This same site mentioned the nuclear reactor explosion at Chernobyl. This accident caused the death of 4,000 people and affected the health of millions more. Did we quit using nuclear power? No. Did we revise the rules governing the use of nuclear power? Yes. However, what does our administration do in its infinite wisdom in response to this calamity? Does it step back and look at ways to prevent future blowouts? No, it unconditionally suspends all deep water drilling jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions of workers in the oil and gas industry.

Despite what the media and Washington would have you believe, it seems to me that BP has stepped up and is doing a pretty good job of trying to make things right. They have done a far better job than the government ever could by paying restitution to local businesses and



CFRW UPCOMING DATES Mark Your Calendars!



August 10......CFRW Summer Social Twin Lakes Community Center (6:45 p.m.)

August 19......CFRW Board Meeting Hearthstone Country Club (1:30 p.m.)

September 6....Labor Day

September 14...CFRW General Meeting (10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill

September 21...GHCFRW "GOTV" Workshop (9:30 a.m.) SOSA Center

getting clean-up operations underway, while still working to stop the flow of oil. According to an article in the Saturday, July 24th issue of the Houston Chronicle (so you know it's got to be correct), in the three-plus months since the spill, BP has distributed more than \$245 million in grants for clean-up and tourism. I'm not sure what poor Anderson Cooper is going to report, but it would now seem that the only people not getting any assistance are the ones who can't pass the drug screening to work for BP or the ones who haven't kept records nor paid taxes on past earnings.

Without a doubt, this is a terrible disaster, and it will take years to make the Gulf and its shore lines like they were. There will be some in the region whose lives will never be the same. But Americans, and especially Southerners, are resilient people. I have no doubt that we will come through this ordeal, inspite of what this administration may or may not do, with the help of each other.

Mary Moss

Accident is the name of the greatest of all inventors.

~ Mark Twain



SUMMER SOCIAL



TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2010 6:45 P.M.

Twin Lakes Clubhouse 13200 Twin Lakes Blvd.

SPECIAL GUEST

Roger Williams

Former Texas Secretary of State

You, your spouse and your friends are invited to join us for our annual evening meeting/social. We are pleased to welcome former Texas Secretary of State, Roger Williams, as our guest speaker. In addition, State Representative Patricia Harless (District 126) and State Representative Dwayne Bohac (District 138) are planning to join us. These and other officials will be present for you to meet and talk with about the upcoming election and legislative session. We will start at 6:45 p.m. with wine, other beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

The cost is \$10 per person if your payment is received by Friday, August 6, or \$15 per person if payment is received after August 6 or at the door. Your payment is your reservation.

Send check payable to "CFRW" to CFRW, 14102 Blazey Dr., Houston TX 77095. Questions may be directed to Melissa at 832-298-1429 or Mary at 281-550-9415.



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ROGER WILLIAMS





Candidate for US Senate 2012

Roger Williams doesn't just talk about the American dream...he's lived it. As a husband, father, small businessman and proud American, he knows that America is great because America is good. He's running for the U.S. Senate not to be something, but to do something. He wants to use his business experience to do something to create economic jobs and growth. And he wants to provide real leadership for our country in these challenging times.

Roger Williams was sworn in as Texas' 105th Secretary of State on February 8, 2005. As Chief Election Officer for Texas, Secretary Williams worked to ensure the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout the state. The Secretary worked tirelessly to promote economic development, investment and job creation in Texas. He also served as the state's Chief Liaison for Texas Border and Mexican Affairs as well as Chair of the state's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Response Strike Force.

Roger's passion for principled, conservative leadership has led him to assist the political efforts of Republican candidates from the White House to the county courthouse. He served as Regional Finance Chairman for Governor Bush in 1994 and 1998 before he went on to later serve as the North Texas Chairman for the Bush/Cheney 2000 campaign as well as the North Texas Finance Chairman and National Grassroots Fundraising Chairman for Bush/Cheney '04, Inc. Williams was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001 as the Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee's Eagles Program. He has also served as State Finance Chair for John Cornyn for U.S. Senate, Inc., in 2002 and as the National Director of the "Patriots" program for Senator Cornyn. Most recently, Roger served as the Chairman of Texas Victory 2008, the statewide effort to elect Republican candidates.

Roger Williams' civic activities include serving on the Texas Christian University Board of Trustees, his alma mater, and he is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Williams is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. He also serves on the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Board of Directors as well as serving on the Admiral Nimitz Foundation Board of Directors in Fredericksburg, Texas and is the Chairman of the USS Fort Worth Steering Committee.

Roger has been a small business owner in Fort Worth and Weatherford, Texas for 38 years after playing professional baseball with the Atlanta Braves organization. He and his wife, Patty, currently reside in Fort Worth and have two daughters.

~ Rita Parrish

"GOTV" WORKSHOP



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is hosting a GOTV (Get Out The Vote) Workshop on Tuesday, September 21st from 9:30 am until noon at their new meeting location – SOSA Center, 1414 Wirt Road.

The 2010 election has been called the most important election of our lifetime. Please mark you calendars and plan on attending. Let's find out the best way to make some "changes" of our own! For more information, contact Mary at 281-550-9415.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING July 13, 2010



President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Suzanne Davis led us in prayer and pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Joy Gregory introduced guests, and Mary Moss welcomed them. Rita Parrish introduced Mr. Jim Murphy who is running for the position of Texas State Representative for District 133. Mr. Murphy formerly held this position in the Texas Legislature from 2007 to 2008. He lost the position in 2008 by one percent of the vote. He discussed issues that will come before the legislature in 2010. The budget is between twelve to eighteen billion dollars short—will need to be cut. Redistricting also will be before the legislature—the Democrats will probably walk out, Texas will gain three to four seats. There will be issues left from the last session which will be taken up in the next session.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

Secretary, Doris Jones, stated that the June minutes were published in the *CFRW Newsletter*, and asked if there were any corrections to them. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, was not present at the meeting; however, she submitted her report by e-mail. She reported that the balance of our bank account as of May 31, 2010 was \$12,061.39. Deposits of \$2,484.00 and payments of \$1,331.67 were made to the account during the month of June. Our balance as of June 30, 2010, was \$13,213.72. The savings account has a balance of \$1,101.56.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, stated that she had red t-shirts, denim shirts, cookbooks, the Peter Barnes books, (\$18/each, or \$90 for full set) and strawberry jam for sale. See her if you wish to purchase any of these items.

Newsletter Chair, Betty Guthrie, stated that Monday, July 26, 2010 is the deadline for newsletter articles.

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, stated that we have 67 voting members, and 88 total members who include Associate Members and Man Associate Members. We are shooting for a total of 81 regular members.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around the Campaign Hours Sheet for members to report their hours spent on Republican activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our August Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 10, 2010, at the Twin Lakes Clubhouse at 6:45 p.m. Our speaker will be former Secretary of State, Roger Williams. Cost is \$10.00 per person if payment is on or before August 6th. After that date, the cost will be \$15.00 per person. Mary urged everyone to bring their spouses or significant others to the meeting. Mary sent around a sheet for members to sign up for the committee to help with the event.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee will be meeting this month. If you have any suggestions, please advise.

The Campaign Disbursements Committee will be deciding which candidates we will assist financially. If you have any suggestions, please inform the Committee.





MINUTES, continued



NEW BUSINESS:

Mary has passed out a sheet with the descriptions of the officers of our club. Please read and offer any suggestions you may have.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, July 26, 2010 - Newsletter deadline Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 6:45 p.m. - August Social at Twin Lakes Country Club near Eldridge and Tanner. The meeting was adjourned by Mary Moss at 12:09 p.m.

Doris Jones CFRW Secretary

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Lois Barclay



• Victory Texas has launched a new ONLINE PHONE BANKING program called **Volunteer Connect**. This system utilizes technology to enable you to support Republican candidates throughout Texas. You can find the new online program on www.VictoryTexas.org/phones.

Volunteer Connect is easy to use and allows you, with one click, to make calls to the phone numbers of your choice and to help get Republican voters involved and out to vote.

If you would like to see an online demonstration of this system, visit http://www.fisconnect.com/vcdemo/.

This system enables the Republican Party to gather information on voters that will help this November.

Volunteers need to contact Diane Parlapiano at diane@victorytexas.org or Stuart Moss at stuart@victorytexas.org. You can also call also call 512-329-0344 and they will help you get set up.

- In addition our **Campaign Disbursement Committee** has requested that any members who have a candidate they would like to be considered to receive funds from our organization this year, please contact Lois Barclay at (832) 754-0749.
- Regarding our **Voter Registration Program**, Joy Gregory (my faithful help) and I will be heading out to Lone Star College again next month to register as many new voters as we can. If anyone has any other locations where we could set up a table, please let me know at 281-370-7715.





CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Dawn Shull



The Dodd-Frank financial regulation bill recently passed by Congress contains "pages and pages of massively costly, counterproductive and possibly unconstitutional mandates on nearly every type of business except for those government-sponsored enterprises at the root of the crisis". Rather than reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac who were primarily responsible for the subprime mortgage debacle, the bill will burden many businesses from Wall Street to Main Street including "storefront check cashiers, city governments, small manufacturers, home buyers and credit bureaus."

Health care reform enacted in Massachusetts in 2006 is a window to how ObamaCare will unfold and it doesn't portend success. The number of people having access to care has improved somewhat but as of yet there is no measurable improvement in overall health. The number of emergency room visits (with only half constituting true emergencies) remains the same. Unsurprisingly, "health costs continue to soar." History tells us that entitlements quickly become entrenched so that reducing or eliminating them becomes anothema to elected representatives. So government grows on and on - "unchecked health spending determines government priorities and inflates budget deficits and taxes, with small health gains. And they call this 'reform'"?

Brace yourself for mega tax hikes in 2011. From elapsed tax cuts to "over twenty new or higher taxes in ObamaCare" to higher business taxes, Americans will be giving up more of their income to Uncle Sam. With Congress failing to index the Alternative Minimum Tax, it "will ensnare over 28 million families, up from 4 million last year." "Studies, statistics, and real life have shown again and again that the businesses and families burdened with the death tax often see themselves forced to cut back on benefits, investments, and employees. The death tax keeps new jobs from being created, hurting not just the affected businesses, but the economy as a whole. Because it is a tax on capital, the death tax destroys as many as 1.5 million jobs that the economy needs as it struggles to recover. Heritage Foundation tax policy expert Curtis Dubay details a replacement for the death tax, and explains why Congress must kill the death tax - now." Also looming is the VAT (value added tax) which many think Obama's Deficit Commission will recommend at year's end."

We desperately need to elect a Congress that will rein in this runaway tax and spend freight train before we derail. On to November...

¹http://spectator.org/archives/2010/07/21/obamas-latest-monstrosity

²http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704258604575361182317501188.html?mod=ITP pageone 0

3http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2010/07/19/obamacares future foretold 106358.html

4http://www.atr.org/six-months-untilbr-largest-tax-hikes-a5171

http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2010/07/The-Economic-Case-Against-the-Death-Tax

⁶http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2010-04-08/news/bs-ed-ron-smith-value-added-tax- 20100408_1_national-sales-tax-value-added-tax-regressive-tax

⁷http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304252704575156052357241946.html



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Thanks to all our members and guests who came out in the heat to hear our speaker, Jim Murphy. If you missed the meeting you missed a really great program. We had four guests, several candidates and four new members. Our new members are **Angie Domingues, Kelli Ray, Traci Sarradet** and **Carolyne Wilkinson**. Welcome, ladies!

I am thrilled that members are making such a concerted effort to bring friends and neighbors to our events. We now have 71 voting members, 14 dual and 7 men for a grand total of 92. We only need ten more to make our goal for 2010. I feel certain we will accomplish that. Thanks for all your hard work! A membership application is included in the newsletter and is available at www.cfrw.net.





SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Kay Waghorne



Kay Waghorne has been married to Al Waghorne for 31 years. Their daughter, Angela, has recently given them their first grandchild, Jacob. Kay was born in Beaumont Texas and grew up in Nederland and then moved to Houston where she has lived since 1973, except for a year that she and Al lived in Mexico City when they were first married. She worked in the insurance industry as an agent and then for a number of years as the administrative assistant to the Marketing Manager at the Hartford Insurance Company. She also worked for an insurance salvage recovery business and then as a travel agent for eight years. While in the work-force Kay was very active in a local chapter of the American Business Women's Association and served on the board for several years.

When in Mexico Kay taught English as a second language at a private school and then upon her return to the United States she started volunteering and has never stopped. As a volunteer literacy teacher she taught adults to read. She volunteered for many years as a counselor at Bear Creek Assistance Ministries. She also served on the board of her church, Unity Church of

North Houston.

Kay shifted her volunteer energies to politics in 2005 when she joined the other Charter Members to form the Cy-Fair Republican Women. She served as the clubs first Ways and Means Chairman and then as President of the club. She is actively involved with TFRW by serving as convention delegate, attending workshops and is a TFRW Patron. Kay is also a Precinct Chairman and serves as Election Judge for her precinct and a delegate to local and state GOP conventions.

Kay loves to travel having made her first European trip with other insurance agents on an incentive trip when she was just nineteen. She and Al have traveled extensively over the years both with Al's job and just for fun, including golf. She has been an avid golfer for many years and served not only on the board of her ladies golf club numerous times, but also served on the board of the Texas Women's Amateur Golf Association for 6 years until she stepped down two years ago.

She and Al's latest adventure is sailing. In 2008 they bought "s/v Cambria", a 36 foot sailboat which they love and spend most of their spare time enjoying. Between their boat and their new grandson they are looking forward to retirement, which they are planning to do next year. Life is great! And they are blessed.

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

NEWSLETTER ENCLOSURES...

- **CFRW Officers and Committee Positions:** CFRW 2011-13 elections will be held at the November 2010 regular meeting. The Nominating Committee will be working to prepare a slate of officers. Please review the officer and committee chairmen job overview insert. If you are interested in any of these positions, the Nominating Committee would like to hear from you.
- August Summer Social flyer: Information about our annual evening meeting.
- Membership Application: Application for CFRW membership is included for your convenience. Form is also
 available online at www.cfrw.net. Please download a copy, complete the form and mail it with your dues to the
 membership Chairman or bring it with you to the next meeting. Share the application with family and friends!



CFRW Officers and Committee Positions

Executive Board - Elected by the regular membership - Voting board members

President – Oversee all endeavors to insure that the club runs smoothly. Set agendas for all regular and board meetings; preside over both meetings; appoint committee chairmen (with approval of the board); ex officio member of all committees, except Nominating Committee; attends GHC meetings (odd months only, excluding July); write the monthly message from the President in our newsletter.

1st VP – (Program Chairman) Arrange for and introduce the speakers for all regular meetings. Submit an article for newsletter with speaker info; take over for President when President not available; attend board meetings.

2nd VP – (Ways and Means Chairman) Organize all fund raising activities – Bi-annual major fund raiser (presently High Heels & High Tea), Membership Books ads; CFRW items; keep records in accordance with Treasurer's requirements (sales tax, TEC reporting, etc); take over if President and 1st VP not available; attend board meetings.

3rd VP – (Newsletter Editor) Publish the monthly newsletter; attend board meetings.

Secretary – Take the minutes at all regular and board meetings. Submit regular meeting minutes to Newsletter Editor for publication; send notes/cards of thanks, sympathy, congratulations, etc., on behalf of the club as directed by the President; attend board meetings.

Treasurer – Keep all financial records in accordance with TEC regulations; give monthly treasurer's reports at regular meetings, make timely submissions of membership; file all reports/forms to TEC, State Comptroller (sales tax, franchise tax report), TFRW, etc.; presents annual budget; attend board meetings.

<u>Standing Committee Chairmen</u> – Voting board members

Membership – Keep membership roster and records up to date; introduce all guests at regular meetings; be available to answer guest's club related questions and encourage membership; distribute membership handbooks; hold a new member orientation; order name tags; attend board meetings.

Campaign Activities – Keep records of the club members' campaign hours; organize opportunities to earn hours – voter registrations; working for candidates; etc.; attend board meetings.

Awards – Keep records of club accomplishments that apply to the various awards available; make suggestions of possible club activities that will insure that CFRW is an award winning club; attend board meetings.

Legislative - Research news of state and national legislation of interest to club members, write an article for the monthly newsletter and report pertinent election / legislative information at the monthly meeting; attend board meetings.

Hospitality – Make all arrangements – venue, food, drinks – for all regular meetings; work with Registration to insure that complete list of participants is prepared; act as greeter at regular meetings; attend board meetings.

Special Committees - Non-voting board members; attending board meetings welcomed, but not obligated

Web Master – Maintain our Web site and other social/networking data with the approval of the President.

Historian – Maintain a scrap book of events to be presented to outgoing President at the end of her term.

Registration – Work with Hospitality to compile a complete list of attendees at regular meetings; act as check-in person, collecting any monies, and information in accordance with TEC regulations.

Caring for America – Organize club activities related to community service – donations to OI, etc.

Literacy – Organize club activities related to book donations; dictionary and Constitution projects; etc.

Publicity – Write and submit news articles about club activities to local news outlets.

Chaplain – Lead club in pledges and invocation at regular meetings.



Cy-Fair Republican Women's

August Summer Social

Twin Lakes Community Center 13200 Twin Lakes Blvd. Houston, TX

Tuesday, August 10, 2010 6:45 pm

Please join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres

Special guest Former Texas Secretary of State, Roger Williams

\$10 per person on or before August 6, 2010 \$15 after August 6th or at the door

Your payment is your RSVP.

Please send your checks made out to CFRW to: 14102 Blazey Dr. Houston, TX 77095

Any questions, call Melissa - 832-298-1429 or Mary - 281-550-9415



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)

Name:		Nickt	name:		
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Spouse:		Precinct #	Birthday:	Birthday:	
Occupation: (Required under PAC laws)			Official or Candidate (Position	on)	

For more information and for mailing address: Contact Membership Chairman: 281-463-8203

clubinfo@cfrw.net

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Spouse:		Precinct #	Birthday:	
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<u>http://www.CFRW.net</u> – Cy-Fair Republican Women

http://www.ghcfrwpac.org - Greater Houston Council

http://www.tfrw.org - Texas Federation of Republican Women

<u>http://www.thomas.loc.gov/</u> - 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.

<u>http://www.texaspolicy.com/</u> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<u>http://www.sos.state.tx.us</u> – Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments.