

# Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER 2010

## A Minute with Mary



Wow! It is hard to believe that my two-year term is at its end. They say that time flies when you are having fun. I have definitely had lots of fun these last two years and time has sped by.

Over these past two years I tried to build on the successes of our first two presidents – Jan Ott and Kay Waghorne. We saw our numbers grow. We continued to have interesting and informative speakers. We hosted a profitable fund raiser – our High Heels and High Tea earned a sizable amount of money that we used to support Republican candidates and make donations to literacy – books to Lone Star College, dictionaries and Constitution booklets to students at Walker Elementary School, and sets of Peter Barnes' books signed by our speakers to local libraries. We showed support of our troops through donations of funds, personal items and beanies to Operation Interdependence. We continued to be an award winning club earning the TFRW John Goodwin Tower Award, TFRW Membership Award, NFRW Gold Award, to name a few. We had representation at TFRW's Legislative Day, the NFRW and TFRW conventions as well as the Republican State Convention. We held voter registration drives and a "Get Out The Vote (GOTV)" event. We hosted two forums that gave us an opportunity to learn more about the judicial candidates and CFISD school board trustee candidates. We helped turn the tide for the Republicans in the 2010 election by working for candidates, block walking, manning phone banks, and passing out candidate literature at voting locations. We served our communities by being elected officials, precinct chairs, election judges, and poll workers. We had a busy two years!

I cannot begin to thank all of you enough for all of the help, support and guidance that I have received from each of you. The ladies on the Executive Board and all the committee chairmen made this job so easy. You all have gone above and beyond to ensure that your



### CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- December 5.....CFRW Christmas Party  
(6:30 p.m) Home of Barbara & Larry  
Buxton
- December 8.....U.S. Constitution Contest/  
(9 a. m.) Dictionary Presentation  
Walker Elem. School
- January 11.....CFRW Regular Meeting  
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- January 20.....CFRW Field Trip  
(TBA) Bush Library and Museum/  
Messina Hof Winery  
Bryan/College Station

part in our operation was done efficiently. You are a big part of why our club is so great. Additionally, our rank and file members are the best around. Even if you have not had the time or inclination to take that extra step and volunteer for some job (there is always next year!), your continued attendance and commitment to CFRW is awe-inspiring. I count each and every one of you a dear, dear friend.

CFRW is a wonderful club, full of outstanding women. My hope is that you feel by being a member you have gained some insight into our great country, become a better citizen, and expanded your knowledge during the last two years. I know that all of you will give just as much help and support to our 2011-2012 president, Rita Parrish. I am confident that each of you will continue be active and energized on behalf of the Republican Party and, especially, CFRW. Don't forget, 2012 is just around the corner!

*Mary Moss*

*Friends are like bras: close to your heart and there for support.*

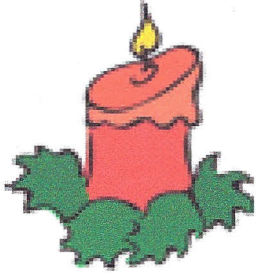
~ Anonymous



## CFRW CHRISTMAS PARTY



**JOIN US FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER!**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010  
6:30 P.M.**

at the home of Barbara and Larry Buxton  
15614 Azalea Shores Drive  
Houston, TX 77070

You and a friend are invited to join CFRW for our annual Christmas Party and installation of the 2011-2012 officers.

Your PayPal payment or check payable to CFRW and mailed to 14102 Blazey Dr., Houston, TX 77095, by **Wednesday, DECEMBER 1**, will be your reservation.

PLEASE SEE EVITE SENT ON NOVEMBER 15th

**January 11, 2011 Meeting  
10:30 a.m.**

**Carrabba's Italian Grill**

**SPEAKER**

**Carolyn Hodges  
1st VP Special Events of TFRW**

(More info. in next *CFRW Newsletter*)



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## FIELD TRIP PLANNED FOR JANUARY



To start the new year, we thought it would be fun to take a road trip to College Station and visit the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and have lunch and a Tasting Tour of the Messina Hof Winery in Bryan. After passing a sign-up sheet at the meeting in November, we have quite a few members who think this would be fun. We are moving forward with plans and they are as follows:

The date for this outing is January 20, 2011, which is a Thursday. It will likely take most of the day, so check your calendars and see if you have the date open so you can join in with the group. We will be carpooling, so there will need to be volunteers to drive. If your car can carry five people that would be great, but we won't turn you down if you can only transport four, of course. We will choose a location at which to meet between 8-8:30 am and get on the road to College Station/Bryan. This drive will take approximately 1-1/2 hours.

We will meet at Messina Hof Winery for a tour of the facility and lunch. The tour starts at 10:00 am, and lunch will be at 11:30 am. We have some certificates that will cover the cost of the tour, but if we have more than 20 then the charge will be \$7.00 per person for the tour and wine tasting. Lunch will need to be ordered in advance and will cost \$15.00 per person plus tax and gratuity which totals approximately \$19.00 - \$20.00. This is for a plated entrée from a varied menu. There is also an *a la carte* menu where the prices can vary according to what you choose. We have to choose ahead of time between the plated entrée or the *a la carte* menu. This will need to be decided no later than two weeks prior to the field trip.

After lunch we will tour the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. It's open from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm. We will finish lunch and plan to be at the library by 2:00 pm. An individual tour, without a guide, should take about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Of course these are approximate times, and we could be at the library sooner than 2:00 pm. The time spent at the Library and Museum will vary according to personal preference. Taking all this into consideration, we would leave College Station no later than 5:00 pm.

More details and information will be coming, as plans are confirmed.

~ Rita Parrish



## LITERACY PROGRAM



The Cy-Fair Republican Women are thrilled to be able to present Student Dictionaries to the entire third grade class at Cy-Fair ISD's Walker Elementary School. This is the fourth year that the ladies of CFRW have been privileged to help the children with this donation.

This is the second year that we have given the entire fifth grade class Constitution Booklets as part of Constitution Day. This year, in addition to giving the students the booklets, we are sponsoring a contest for the best project related to the Constitution lesson. All 170 fifth graders had the option of writing an essay, making a poster or creating a power point presentation on what the Constitution and its Amendments mean to them. The seven finalists will present their projects at the assembly in which the third graders receive their dictionaries. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble from CFRW.

**We will make the presentations on December 8, 2010, at 9 am at Walker Elementary. Everyone is welcomed to attend.**





# MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN REGULAR MEETING  
November 9, 2010



President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. She remarked that today was the last regular meeting over which she will preside. Joy Gregory introduced guests. Rita Parrish then introduced our speaker, Mark Olsen, the author of *Animal Colony*. The book has been publicized as the book that could save America. The book was written in the manner of George Orwell's novel, *Animal Farm*, which was an anti-Stalin and anti-Socialism statement. Mr. Olsen gave us a view of the book and its important statements.

## OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, asked if any changes or corrections were needed in the minutes published in the newsletter. None were needed, and they were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported that the checking account balance as of September 30, 2010, was \$9,272.05. Deposits of \$671.00 and payments of \$1,165.21 were made to the account during the month of October. The balance of the account as of October 31, 2010 was \$8,777.84. There is \$40.00 in the cash box, and the Scholarship fund has a balance of \$1,401.85 as of October 31, 2010.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, stated she had red shirts (\$35.), denim shirts (\$30.), elephant pins, and cookbooks for sale. See her if you want to purchase an item.

Newsletter Editor, Betty Guthrie, stated that the deadline for articles is Monday, November 22, 2010.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, stated we had made our quota of new members for the year, and our membership is 81. She informed us that membership dues for 2011 could be paid now, and she had application forms on the tables for use in renewing/joining our membership.

Campaign Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around our campaign activities hour sheet for members to record their hours. She will be at Lone Star College next Wednesday to register voters. We were reminded to work on the Joe Strauss money award.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Betty Guthrie presented the revised bylaws for the approval of the membership. Doris Jones indicated that there was a typo on page 2, Article IV-Membership; C. the last word, "TFRW" should read as "NFRW". Kay Waghorne made a motion that we accept the revisions with the noted correction to the bylaws, and Lois Barclay seconded, and the motion passed. The revised bylaws were adopted.

Mary Moss read aloud the slate of officers the Nominating Committee presented. For President—Rita Parrish; 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Programs—Millie Alford; 2<sup>nd</sup>VP: Ways and Means, Suzanne Davis; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Newsletter—Melissa Ronquillo; Secretary—Traci Serradet; Treasurer—Barbara Buxton. Jan Ott made a motion that we accept the proposed slate of officers, and Betty Guthrie seconded. No opposition was made, and the Slate of Officers was approved.

The Christmas Party will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Barbara Buxton's home, and the cost is \$15 per person to be paid in advance.





## MINUTES, continued



Mary Moss and Mary Atchison will visit Walker Elementary School on December 8<sup>th</sup> to present the \$25 award for the best paper on the subject of the Constitution. They will also present dictionaries to the school. Please feel free to join them.

Mary noted that we gave to 18 candidates in the November 2, 2010 election, and all won except two.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The subject of a new newsletter program was discussed. The existing program Adobe Page Maker is old (2003 version) and not very user-friendly. Sera 4 which is not expensive was suggested. Kristen Govantes made a motion that we investigate a new program for our purchase. Suzanne Davis seconded, and the motion passed.

Our field trip to the Bush Library will be in January. We will car pool and have lunch at Messina Hoff Winery.

Mary Moss informed us that Carrabba's is running a promotion that we may like to use. If we purchase \$600.00 of gift certificates, we will receive an additional \$120.00 worth of certificates. Kay Waghorne made the motion that we purchase the certificates. Sandy Vinlarek seconded, and the motion passed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, November 11, 2010 is TFRW "Veterans" Day and Post-Election Celebration and Fundraiser" at TFRW Headquarters, Austin, TX

Monday, November 22, 2010 is newsletter deadline

Sunday, December 5, 2010 is CFRW Christmas Party at Barbara and Larry Buxton's home

Thursday, March 2, 2011 is Legislative Day, Austin Texas

Tuesday, November 16 is the GHCM at SOSA at 9:30 a.m.

The drawing for prizes was done, and Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Doris Jones  
CFRW Secretary



## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Lois Barclay



Elections are over, but we are still signing up new voters. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Joy Gregory, Sandra Vinklerek and I signed up 11 new voters at Lone Star College.

Our entry, for the Hon. Joe Straus "Party Building Incentive Program", has been submitted. We had a total of 1,213 volunteer hours. Hopefully, this will be enough hours to win from \$750 to \$1,250 in prize money.

Thank you for reporting your hours and volunteering your valuable time!





## LEGISLATION - Dawn Shull



With gains at every level of government, Republicans had a great day at the ballot box. Finally the voice of the American people was heard and “*The 2010 Verdict*” is in. President Obama will now “be using every ounce of his powers to sustain the parts of his program that have been enacted, while the Republicans... will be seeking to reverse many of them.”<sup>1</sup> Some try to explain away these results by saying it was nothing more than an electorate reacting to a bad economy. The economy was a big factor, but I believe the electorate was saying something more profound—they want to halt the growth of government which more and more influences every part of our lives and return to the principles upon which our great country was founded. “A rebirth of the American Revolution would signal a turn away from the statism of the progressive movement and an embrace of individual liberty as the cornerstone of American society.”<sup>2</sup>

For a good discussion of how this 2011 Congress differs from that of 1995, please read Ramesh Ponnuru’s National Review Article “*Congresses Compared*.”<sup>3</sup> He believes there are a number of factors that will work in favor of the current group of Republicans. One thing is certain, “if Republicans are to remain true to the verdict of 2010, they cannot accept that the message of this election was just containment; it must mean roll back.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2010/11/10/the\\_2010\\_verdict\\_107908.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2010/11/10/the_2010_verdict_107908.html)

<sup>2</sup><http://www.forbes.com/2010/11/08/constitution-elections-federal-government-opinions-contributors-charles-w-kadlec.html>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/253319/congresses-compared-ramesh-ponnuru>



## MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2011 BEGINS NOW!

Welcome to our new member **Crystal Faver!** A great BIG “THANK YOU!” goes to the early birds who have already renewed their memberships for 2011: **Millie Alford, Mary Atchison, Lois Barclay, Barbara Buxton, Betty Collins, Debby Frieden, Joy Gregory, Frances Grottie, Betty Guthrie, Paulette Harris, Doris Jones, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Traci Sarradet, Dawn Shull, Sandra Vinklarek, Kay Waghorne, Phyllis Wilson, Patricia Harless, and John Harris.**



## Membership renewals for 2011

To renew your membership please fill out a new application so that all of our information can be updated. There is an application in the newsletter each month, so you can print it ahead of time and turn it in at the meetings. Applications can also be mailed to Joy Gregory at 18219 Waverly Bend Ln., Cypress, TX 77433.





## SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Dawn Shull



Born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Dawn (Nevling) Shull soon moved with her military family to California. Kindergarten was in Germany, elementary school in Indiana, then Michigan where she also started junior high. Her family left the day after President Kennedy's funeral to move to Okinawa, Ryuku Islands, where she graduated from Kubasaki High School. Then it was back across the Pacific Ocean to upstate New York to attend Wells College, graduating with a B.A. in Economics. She treasures her experiences living and travelling in Europe and Asia, always enjoying new places and people.

While in college she met her husband Bill who was "down the road" at Cornell University. A few months after they married they moved to Houston where Bill attended U. of Houston Law School. Dawn worked for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for several years in an administrative capacity. She "retired" to rear three children, Erin, Greg and Jeff. The family lived in the Westbury area of southwest Houston until 1989 when they moved to Cypress. Dawn is an avid tennis player, sings in her church choir, is active in other church groups and loves to read. She

is the proud grandma of a feisty but adorable 3-year-old grandson Brody.

She started following politics more closely in the mid-90s and first got involved by working at the polls. She went to her first Republican State Convention in 2004 and has been to everyone since. In 2005 her tennis teammates, Jan Ott and Rita Parrish, were instrumental in starting the new Cy-Fair Republican Women's Club which she joined as a charter member. She has served as 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and is the current Legislation Chairperson. She has attended numerous Republican Women conventions both at the state and national levels. She can definitely attest to the fact that Republican women are the life of the party!

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



## WAYS & MEANS - Dr. Millie Alford



At this time of Thanksgiving, one of my blessings is being a member of Cy Fair Republican Women. I have never worked with a more caring, energetic, dedicated, gracious, and interesting group of women in my life. It is a privilege to be a part of this organization. I will also mention that the intelligence factor of our members is way beyond the norm; I am always amazed at how intuitive and smart our ladies are. Our members have tons of political savvy, and I continue to listen and grow as much as I can. As Mary says, I always learn something new at every meeting. I am so thankful to be associated with CFRW and will dedicate myself to do my best as 1<sup>ST</sup> VP: Programs. It has been a pleasure working as Ways & Means Chair.

Ways & Means Chair for the next two years will be Suzanne Davis, another hard-working and dedicated member. I'm sure she will enjoy it as much as I did. I have assured her that I will gladly help with the High Heels and High Tea in October. We will be working toward another outstanding event, so start telling your friends that another great HH & HT is on its way. Several vendors from our last gala have already contacted me regarding the next October's event. The participation of every member will make the event a success.

If you need a good Christmas present, don't forget our Life of the Party Cookbooks. If you have kids or grandkids, I guarantee they will love the Peter Barnes' books. I've ordered new books which should arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. If you need a denim or red t-shirt, let me know. New ones will be ready soon. Thanks to everyone who helped me during the past term as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Ways & Means.





## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Occupation: (Required under PAC laws) \_\_\_\_\_ Official or Candidate (Position) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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[www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net)

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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.