



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
February 2010

A Minute with Mary



One of the primary goals of Republican Women's clubs is to "promote an informed electorate through political education." By being a member of CFRW, we all attempt to do this by coming to our meetings and paying attention to the information presented by our speakers. With the primary election right around the corner, we have another excellent opportunity to educate ourselves, as well as our family and friends.

There are 90 races on the primary ballot. At the top of the ballot are your US Representative, Governor, and Lt. Governor; then various state-wide positions, Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals positions, Court of Appeals justices, District Court judges, county judges, District Clerk, County Clerk, school trustees, county commissioners, justices of the peace, and Harris County Republican Party Chair. Some of the races are unopposed, but many of them have several people vying for the same position. This is when being informed pays off, because the winner of the contested races is the person who will face any challengers in the November General Election; and we all want to have the best, most qualified person possible representing the Republican Party in November.

It has been said that grass roots support starts with one person, who will tell ten (or more) friends to vote and for whom they suggest that they vote; and they in turn tell ten (or more) friends, and so on. It is important that people be encouraged to go and vote in the primary. This is particularly important in the upcoming primary because there are so many races on the ballot. It is equally important that they wade through the lengthy ballot and vote for all the positions. We want good candidates that can stand up to any challengers, so there is not a repeat of the losses our party saw in 2008 in our local races.

In an effort to educate as many people as we can, CFRW is hosting a **Judges Forum on February 23, 2010**. At the forum we hope to have many of the county judicial candidates on hand, so that we can meet them and find out their qualifications. (Look for more information about the Forum later in this newsletter). Why are these positions important you may ask? Granted, judges are on the bottom of the rung for elected officials, but they are also the people that we most likely will have direct contact with over the course of our life



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- February 9.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- February 16.....Greater Houston Council FRW
(9:00 a.m.) "Nuts 'N' Bolts" Workshop
NW Forest Convention Center
- February 16-26.....Early Voting - Primary Election
- February 18.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club
- February 23.....CFRW's Judges Forum
(7:00 p.m.) Westside Fellowship Church
- March 2.....Primary Election...**VOTE**

times; either by way of personal litigation or legal precedence or jury duty. Judges are also the foundation of the local party from which the rest of our elected officials rely upon for their own success.

Another important part of the primary election is the convention that takes place right after the polls close on Election Day at every precinct. I encourage everyone to try to attend this gathering. At the precinct convention, delegates to the Senatorial Convention (March 20, 2010) will be elected. Suggestions can be made with regards to the party platform that will be passed on to our party leaders. At the Senatorial Convention, officers and delegates for the state wide convention (held in Dallas, June 11-12, 2010) will be elected and suggestions for changes in the party platform will be voted on to be presented at the State Convention.

The March 2nd Primary is the beginning of the process that will either change the direction that our nation, state and community takes or continue us on the current path. Be informed and pass on this information. **GO VOTE**, and remind your family and friends to **GO VOTE!**

Mary Moss

It's not the hand that signs the laws that holds the destiny of America. It's the hand that casts the ballot. ~ Harry S. Truman



FEBRUARY MEETING



**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

PROGRAM

JUDGE JOHN F. PHILLIPS

Juvenile District Court 314

**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: Chicken Marsala
Caesar Salad
Grilled Vegetables
Bread
Sogni di Chocolate**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

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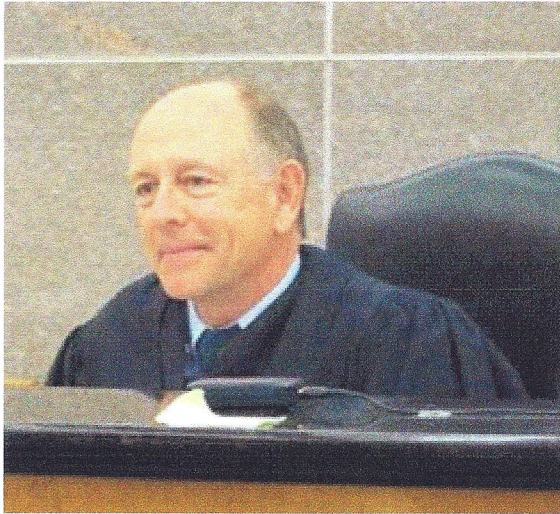
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JUDGE JOHN F. PHILLIPS



Speaking at our February meeting is Judge John F. Phillips. Judge Phillips is a State District Court Judge and Administrative Judge of the Juvenile Courts of Harris County. Judge Phillips' court, the 314th, is involved in some exciting programs that he would like to share with our club members and get some feedback from us.

Judge Phillips is a native Houstonian. He is married to Celeste Phillips, and they have two children, Sam and Jacqueline. He graduated from the South Texas College of Law and is a former Assistant District Attorney (1981-1985). John practiced private law 1985-2002 until he was elected to the 314th District Court in 2002. Judge Phillips was re-elected to the bench in 2006.

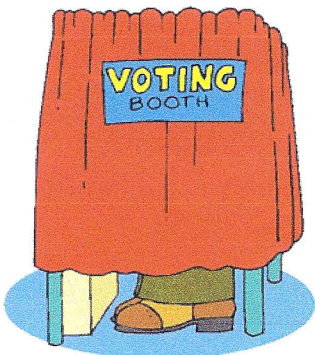
Judge Phillips has many more accomplishments to share with us and will certainly have many very interesting insights into the court system of which he is a part. Please plan to attend the February 9th meeting and meet Judge John F. Phillips.

~ Rita Parrish

CFRW presents...THE JUDGES FORUM

Have you ever gone to vote and had no idea whom the candidates were and for what they stand? Please join Cy-Fair Republican Women as we hear a short talk from the Harris County Judicial Candidates for the March 2, 2010 Primary Election. We will meet on **Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at the Westside Fellowship Church, 7630 Fry Road, between Longenbaugh and FM 529 in Cypress, TX at 7 p.m.** Please bring your families, friends and neighbors to meet and learn about many of the candidates in the contested District judicial races.

Please check our Web site at www.CFRW.net for information about our club and future meetings and events.



***BE
AN
INFORMED
VOTER***





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

January 12, 2010

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Suzanne Davis, Chaplain, led us in prayer and the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. After welcoming guests, Mary asked Joy Gregory to introduce guests and new members.

Programs Chair, Rita Parrish, introduced Sergeant James Rouse of the Harris County Constable, Precinct 4 office. Sergeant Rouse, who has been in law enforcement for 15 years, gave an excellent talk on safety awareness.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, indicated that the minutes for November were published in the December newsletter, and that there was no meeting in December. The November minutes were approved as published in the December newsletter.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported that our balance as of November 30, 2009, was \$12,117.47. There were deposits of \$1,335.32 and payments of \$1,745.55 which left us a balance as of December 31, 2009, of \$11,707.24. Our scholarship fund has a balance of \$901.08.

Betty Guthrie, Newsletter Editor, stated that the deadline for articles is January 25, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, reminded members to renew their club membership this month.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around the time sheet for campaign activities, and told us that she and Joy Gregory had registered some new voters at Lone Star College.

Caring for America Chair, Debbie Brown, informed us that Operation Interdependence needs any size of plastic baggies, and to keep making the crocheted/knitted caps for our servicemen.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary reported that the Club had take 173 dictionaries to the third grade students at Walker Elementary School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Moss introduced our new Hospitality Chair, Melissa Ronquillo, to the members.

Barbara Buxton, Joy Gregory, and Millie Alford are members of the Budget Committee formed at last month's Executive Board meeting, and they will present the new 2010 Budget at the February General Meeting.

Mary asked for volunteers to join Barbara Buxton on the Financial Review Committee. Kay Waghorne and Suzanne Davis volunteered to join Barbara on the committee.

Kay Waghorne made a motion that we give \$160.00 towards costs for members attending the January 29, 2010 TFRW Leadership Workshop in Austin. Suzanne Davis seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Mary noted that the Greater Houston Council "Nuts 'N' Bolts" Workshop is February 16, 2010, and costs \$35.





MINUTES, continued

We will have a Judges' Forum for Harris County Judges on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Fellowship Church. Mary passed out a sign-up sheet to get an idea of the number of members who will attend the event.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary



LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



Chalk one up for the First Amendment. The recent Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* “reverses a 1990 ruling by the court that allowed the government to bar corporations and unions from spending general treasury funds on ads expressly urging a candidate’s election or defeat. And it overruled part of a 2003 decision that upheld restrictions on independent corporate expenditures enacted the preceding year in the seminal campaign finance overhaul act known as McCain-Feingold.”¹

“Hopefully, this ruling marks an end to 20 years of jurisprudence in which the Court has provided less protection to core political speech than it has to Internet pornography, the transmission of stolen information, flag burning, commercial advertising, topless dancing, and burning a cross outside an African-American church.”²

“No sufficient governmental interest justifies limits on the political speech of nonprofit or for-profit corporation,”¹ Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority.

To really understand the significance of the Republican victory in Massachusetts please read Daniel Henniger’s very insightful article, *The Fall of the House of Kennedy*³, explaining that “Scott Brown’s victory in Massachusetts will not endure unless Republicans clearly understand the meaning of ‘the machine’ that he ran against and defeated.”³

March 2 is the Republican Primary. You’ll find a sample ballot at the Harris County GOP Web site⁴. Most candidates have links to their Web sites.

The Republican Leadership Council logo is not an endorsement but indicates those elected officials and candidates who support the Harris County Republican Party through membership in the Republican Leadership Council.

¹<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0110/31786.html>

²<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704509704575019112172931620.html>

³http://online.wsj.com/article/wonder_land.html

⁴<http://www.harriscountygop.com/Primary10.asp#Ballot>





CARING FOR AMERICA - Debbie Brown



We continue to do our best to support our troops through Operation Interdependence. There are many ways to help out:

- Donate Items – sample size toiletries – shampoo, sunscreen, lotion; Ziploc baggies – any size, but especially snack size; candy canes or other individually wrapped candy; ChapStik; single serving drink mix
- Donate money for shipping – it costs about \$30 to send one box to a unit
- Donate old cars, trailers, jet ski's, boats, etc. – OI uses the proceeds for shipping expenses
- Knit beanies
- Write notes of thanks and encouragement
- Help out sorting and packing – OI is open Tues. & Thurs. 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Brown at 281-859-3239 or diamond.deb@earthlink.net.

Support Our Troops! Through



Donate Your Car, Truck, RV, Boat, Motorcycle, Camper, Trailer, Jet Ski, etc. for auction with proceeds going to Operation Interdependence®, Inc. The vehicle will be picked up, and your donation is tax deductible! See the contact information below for Vehicles for Charity.



Vehicles For Charity

Call 1-970-523-4217 for details or 1-866-628-2277.





MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Keep those Membership Renewals coming! We had seventeen renewals this week and two brand new members. Welcome **Sandra Vinklarek** and **Sharon Slover!** We are happy to have you in our group.

Remember that CFRW membership runs from January 1st to December 31st, and it's time to renew for 2010. There is a membership application included in the newsletter. It's important that everyone fill out a new form so that we can update our records. Please fill out the application and mail your check (made out to CFRW) to me (Joy Gregory, 18219 Waverly Bend Ln., Cypress, TX 77433), or go to www.cfrw.net and join online. You may use Pay Pal for your dues.

We have a lot of work ahead of us with the 2010 Elections and will need all the help we can get to replace the Democrats in Congress. Come and join the fun!



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) _____

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

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The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Presents the Annual

NUTS 'N' BOLTS Seminar

With A BONUS

"Lead on to Victory 2010" Luncheon!

A "surprise" luncheon Speaker!

Tuesday, February 16

Northwest Forest Conference Center

12715 Telge Road, Cypress

\$35 per person

Registration starts at 9:00

Meet-n-Greet Elected Officials & Candidates

Nuts 'n' Bolts Leadership Seminars

Luncheon

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, & "smooz"

For further information,
Call Barbara Tague at 713-851-0737
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Elected Officials and Candidates, contact
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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (List additional attendees on back with address & occupation)

Mail check by February 9 to:

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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.