



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

January 2010

A Minute with Mary



It's hard to believe that 2009 is already over. Boy, has it been a year of change – believe it or not. We saw the take over of our government, the banks and the auto industry by free spending liberals; and their sights are now squarely on the health care industry. The deficit is at an unimaginable high – how many zeros are there now? Unemployment continues to rise, and the war, over which the Republicans were severely bashed, continues to escalate. This change that we were told to believe in is just plain hard to stomach!

All the news out of 2009 has not been all bad. Closer to home, CFRW has had a wonderful year. We had wonderfully informative speakers; we had a very successful fundraiser – our High Heels and High Tea; we had record numbers of new members; and we continued to do our part in our community.

As many of you know, our club was started in June of 2005 with 29 members. At the end of 2008 we had 52 regular members, and at the end of 2009 our membership stands at 72. I like to think that is a direct reflection on the wonderful women who belong to our club and the award winning programs that we continue to offer to the ladies in the Houston northwest area.

Speaking of awards, we have worked hard to achieve the numerous national and state awards that have been given to us during 2009. We received the NFRW Gold Award and the NFRW Caring for America Recognition. On the state level, we earned the John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence, the TFRW Caring for America Award, and a Certificate of Achievement for increasing our membership 12% or more from 2007-2009. All of these awards take hard work and dedication by our entire membership.

We use these funds to support Republican candidates and to help our community. We gave \$100 to the Young Republican Club at Cy-Falls High School. We purchased



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- January 12.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- January 19.....Greater Houston Council Mtg.
(10:00 a.m.) Compass Bank, Kirby at San Felipe
- January 21.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club
- January 30.....TFRW Leadership Day
Austin, TX
- February 9.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- February 16.....Greater Houston Council
(9:30 a.m.) NW Forest Convention Center

Constitution Day Handbooks for the entire fifth grade class and dictionaries for the entire third grade class (for the fourth year in a row) at Walker Elementary School. We give books annually to the Lone Star College Library as well as to area elementary schools. We cannot forget the donations made to Operation Interdependence (OI) in the form of cards and small toiletries and other items for the troops, knit beanies for the soldiers, help at the warehouse packing K-Rats, and money to help offset postage costs.

In 2009 the ladies of CFRW have made trips to Austin and Galveston for conferences and meetings, worked on campaigns, been elected to positions within TFRW, precinct chairs, and as ESD commissioner. We gave of our time, talent and treasure to help make our community, state and nation a better place. In a nut shell – we made change happen – change that you can really believe in.

Mary Moss



JANUARY MEETING



**TUESDAY
JANUARY 12, 2010**

PROGRAM

**Sergeant James Rouse
Harris County Constable Precinct 4
Patrol Division**

**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: Italian Salad
Pollo Rosa Maria
Broccoli
Bread
Tiramisu**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, January 8, 2010
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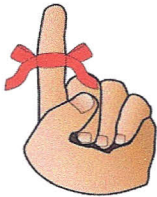


SERGEANT JAMES ROUSE



We hope everyone is planning to attend our January meeting as our speaker is Sergeant James Rouse with Harris County Constable Precinct 4 Patrol Division. Sergeant Rouse will be covering safety issues and will have plenty of good advice for our members. So mark your calendars and don't miss this very important and informative meeting.

~ Rita Parrish



Just a reminder.... We appreciate correct change or checks already made out to "CFRW" when checking in at our regular meetings. It surely helps registration go smoothly. Thanks for your help!



WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas with lots of good food and visits with family and friends. Our CFRW Christmas Party was wonderful. Thanks again to the Buxtons for allowing us to enjoy their beautiful home.

We are embarking on a great year for CFRW. I believe we will continue to grow and be a source of help to the Republican Party. We are used to working hard and doing "our part", and I am sure that will continue. In the spring of 2010, Ways & Means will sell ads for our membership book. We will continue selling our cookbooks and encourage everyone to purchase them for themselves or as gifts.

There are plenty of Peter Barnes' books remaining. If you would like to share the stories of our government and Constitution with a child or grandchild, this is a great and fun way to do it.

We still have some jars of strawberry jam and pear honey available. I will bring some of them as well as a few elephant decorative pieces and some patriotic glasses to our next meeting.

If you are a new member and need a CFRW denim shirt or red t-shirt, please let me know. I will have some shirts available at our next meeting. Thanks to everyone who purchased items for Christmas. We appreciate everyone's generosity. Have a safe New Year's Eve.





MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



We have made a great start on our **Membership Renewals** for 2010. Memberships run from January through December each year. It is **important** that each of you **renew your membership and fill out a new application so that we have up-to-date information**. A Membership Application is included in the newsletter for your convenience. You may mail them to me or give them to me at the next meeting. I will also have applications at the Membership Table on January 12th.

I would like to start having two greeters and a person to man the Membership Table at each meeting. I will have a sign up sheet for volunteers at the next meeting. This would involve your coming about 10:15 a.m. and staying a few minutes after the meeting. You can volunteer on a month by month basis. It is a great way to meet our guests and new members. Thanks for your help and support.

CFRW wishes to thank **Julie McCracken** for all her efforts at Hospitality Chairman this past year. We are pleased to announce that **Melissa Ronquillo** has agreed to assume this role for the coming year. Thanks to both ladies!

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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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So now the federal government is going to MANDATE that individuals and businesses buy a commodity or be fined, maybe even jailed. Does anyone else hear the sound of a knife ripping through the US Constitution?

Does it not turn your stomach to hear politicians arguing gleefully over which American taxpayer pocket to pick to pay for the monstrosity the Senate just moved forward and dares to call a Health Care Reform Bill?? Hmm, should it be taxpayers who elect plastic surgery or go tanning or just those who have worked hard enough to be in a comfortable position financially? While Rome burns, Congress fiddles. What madness to be proposing huge new entitlements and taxes when our economy is faltering with no relief in sight, but not for the current regime in power. Never has it been so clear that elections have consequences. To those who sat out last November's election to show disgruntlement with the Republican party — are you happy with this outcome?

Why the hurry? It seems the Democrat leadership can't wait to give Obama his Rose Garden signing moment. However, haste does make waste: "Writing of the latest scheme to secure a compromise, the editors of *The Washington Post* noted¹, 'The only thing more unsettling than watching legislative sausage being made is watching it being made on the fly.'²

For an intelligent, comprehensive discussion of the differences between House (H.R. 3962) and Senate (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act - H.R. 3590) bills, read the Heritage Foundation article by Nina Owcharenko and Robert E. Moffit, Ph.D.³

Ralph Peters portrays a grim picture of the global economic situation in a recent editorial⁴:

*Speculation hasn't been the only villain generating financial ruin around the world. Another villain has been exploding entitlements. Several European states (plus my favorite foreign country, California) have been downed by a self-inflicted one-two punch.*⁴

For a clear thinking summary of the Copenhagen climate conference you must read George Will's article⁵ in which he states: *Actually, the mountain beneath the summit — a mountain of manufactured hysteria, predictable cupidity, antic demagoguery and dubious science — labored mightily and gave birth to a mouselet, a 12-paragraph document committing the signatories to ... make a list.*⁵

¹ *An Analysis of the Senate Democrats' Health Care Bill* <http://www.heritage.org/Research/HealthCare/bg2353.cfm>

² *Medicare Sausage* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/09/AR2009120903902.html> ”¹

³ *The House and Senate Health Care Bills: The Key Differences* <http://www.heritage.org/Research/HealthCare/wm2740.cfm>

⁴ http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/the_year_of_bankrupt_gov_ts_vv1vR5wWL7yNqe7FPTtXFL#ixzz0aWJgjfWJ

⁵ http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2009/12/22/the_vacuity_of_double_triumphs_99632.html

“When all government, domestic and foreign, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington, as the center of all power, it will...become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated.”

~ Thomas Jefferson



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<http://www.ghcfrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfnw.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.