



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
JULY 2010

A Minute with Mary



FIRED UP! That's what last month's Republican Party of Texas' State Convention did; it got all 7,000+ folks in Dallas fired up for the November election and our desire to fortify our control of the State House and to swing the balance of power in Washington back to Red. It was energizing to be surrounded by all those enthusiastic Republicans. It was energizing to hear from all the elected officials and candidates. It was energizing to be part of the grassroots process to take back our country.

The message that I came back with was that we as Republicans need to get the word out to **GO VOTE**. Pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors to support those Republican candidates who support smaller government, lower taxes and more personal liberty. Don't just tell your family and friends locally; tell anyone you know regardless of where they live to vote Republican. It is so very important to get back control of all the legislatures - local, state and national - if we hope to repeal/modify/influence Obamacare, Cap and Tax and Immigration and to keep our nation strong and prosperous.

Another important point made was for us Republicans to remember and to pass on to our Independent and more reasonable Democratic friends that you don't have to agree 100% of the time on every issue. It makes no sense not to vote for someone with whom you agree on most issues over someone with whom you agree with on very little, just because there is one issue on which you do not see eye to eye. We need to support all those Republican candidates who will support smaller government, lower taxes and more personal liberty.

I want to congratulate our new State Party Chairman - Steve Munisteri. It was a tough election with three candidates vying for the position, but a good man was elected. He will be an asset to the Party and will breathe some fresh air into our group. One thing I



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- July 4.....INDEPENDENCE DAY
- July 13.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- July 22.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club
- August 10.....CFRW Social / Program
(6:45 p.m.) Twin Lakes Clubhouse

hope is that he will address is our party platform. There are so many planks in the platform, you could build a multi-storied building! Some of the ideas put forth are great, but some of them, while I am sure are heartfelt, are just not executable. I think we need to move towards a more generalized platform that holds to the basic Republican principles of less government, lower taxes and more personal liberty.

I also want to thank especially the ladies who took their time and spent their money to represent not only their precincts but also CFRW. Thank you to Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Joy Gregory, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Dawn Shull, Kay Waghorne and Jude Wiggins - you are the best! I want to thank our members on behalf of myself and the other "Tribute to Women" honorees. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be able to represent our club at such an outstanding event.

There are only a few months before Election Day in November and we need to continue the momentum started in Dallas. Spread the word - go vote, take back our country, get FIRED UP!

Mary Moss

As people do better, they start voting like Republicans - unless they have too much education and vote Democratic, which proves there can be too much of a good thing.
~ Karl Rove



JULY MEETING



**TUESDAY
JULY 13, 2010**

PROGRAM

Jim Murphy

***Candidate for State Legislature
District 133***

**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: Caesar Salad
Bread
Lasagna
Cannoli**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010
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JIM MURPHY



Jim Murphy is seeking to re-gain the office of State Representative of the people in District 133 which he formerly held in the Texas Legislature from 2007 to 2008. He narrowly missed being reelected in 2008 by 1% of the vote.

While in office, Jim was successful in passing legislation that helped the residents of District 133 and all Texans. He worked to make government more efficient and accountable and also worked to protect our communities. As a Freshman, he was elected Freshman Class President by his peers and was one of only seven Freshmen to serve as Vice-Chair of a committee.

Jim's work in the legislature was recognized by the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas and Texas Association of Business. He was also chosen by The Houston Executive Council as its Elected Official of the Year for 2007.

Twice elected to the board of Houston Community College, Jim focused on providing high quality and cost effective college programs and workforce training.

He served as one of the principal driving forces behind the Westchase District for the past 20 years which has successfully attracted jobs and new investment having a positive impact in the community. He is currently working as a consultant to the district.

Jim has held many business leadership roles within the community. He has served on the board of the Houston West Chamber of Commerce, West Houston Medical Center and was a Past Chairman of the Association of Commercial Real Estate Professionals. He is also an active member of the Greater Houston Partnership, the Houston Association of Realtors, the Urban Land Institute, and a Trustee of the Houston Realty Breakfast Club.

Community service is another area in which Jim Murphy excels. He worked with the Jaycees, of which he served as state President. He was also named one of the Five Outstanding Young Texans in 1995. Coaching youth sports, serving on the pastoral council of St. Cyril's Catholic Church, founding the Alief Education Foundation and also serving as the Vice Chair of this Foundation, and being appointed to the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Advisory Council in 1996 are some of his many accomplishments. He currently serves on the boards of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and Making it Better which is a non-profit that mentors at-risk students in West Houston.

Jim Murphy grew up in Houston and graduated from Strake Jesuit and UT Austin. He and his wife, Dr. Kathleen Murphy, have two teenage sons, Robert and Pace.

~ Rita Parrish

SAVE THE DATE

CFRW AUGUST SOCIAL

for members and guests

August 10, 2010

6:45 p.m.

Watch for E-vite for details





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
June 8, 2010



President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:06 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 then introduced Ms. Joan Neuhaus Schaan, our guest speaker, who is a fellow in Homeland Security and Terrorism at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. Ms. Neuhaus Schaan gave a very detailed talk about the Muslim terrorists and how they are all interrelated to one another in some way.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, stated that the May minutes were printed in the newsletter, and they were approved as published.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported the balance of our bank account as of April 30, 2010, was \$12,160.64. Deposits of \$606.00 and payments of \$705.25 were made to the account during the month of May. Our balance as of May 31, 2010 was \$12,061.39. The savings account has a balance of \$1,101.30 as of May 31, 2010. Expense reports are due by the end of June.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, reminded us that she has jellies, cookbooks, and T-Shirts for sale. She also stated that we had made \$1,000.00 by selling ads for our membership books. Membership books have been printed and will be available at next month's meeting. She will also be ordering the Barnes books.

Newsletter Chair, Betty Guthrie, stated that Monday, June 21, 2010, is the deadline for newsletter articles. Please contact her if you are not getting a copy.

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, stated that we have about 65-66 members, and our goal is to have 81.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around the Campaign Hours Sheet for members to report the hours spent during May.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Republican Party of Texas Convention will be June 11-12 in Dallas, Texas. The Tribute to Women will be Friday morning, June 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Honorees need to be there by 8:00 a.m.

The Standing Rules & Bylaws Review Committee is as follows: Betty Guthrie (chair), Doris Jones, Jan Ott, Dawn Shull and Millie Alford.

The Campaign Disbursement Committee will have ready their decision on candidates we will give funds by the September, 2010, meeting.

See Mary if you want to get tickets for the Tuesday, June 22, 2010, Republican Party Night at the Astros.

NEW BUSINESS:

On August 10th we will hold our annual evening meeting, and our spouses and significant others are invited. We will have wine and snacks, and it will probably be held at the Twin Lakes Community Center. Roger Williams, former Texas Secretary of State, will be our speaker.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Moss at 1:00 p.m.

Doris Jones, CFRW Secretary





LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



According to a recent Gallop Poll¹ Republicans are more fired up than ever before going into the mid-term elections. We need to keep stoking those fires and doing all we can as a club and individually to get Republicans elected this fall! Remember TFRW's "10 in 2010" vision²; go to candidates' Web sites, get to know them and pick at least one to help. We can make a difference. The Democrats will fight to the end; even if we vote many of them out in November they will still have powerful majorities through 3 January 2011³ and no telling what they will try to pass...could they sneak in an "emergency" VAT tax? Read Fred Barnes warning in article *Running on Empty*.⁴

It is encouraging to read that Senator Orrin Hatch is determined to go after Obamacare⁵. He says that first we must try to repeal the business and individual mandates portions of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)⁶ which, if successful, will cause the rest of the bill to implode. "...we have to fight to stop the federal government from forcing people to buy something they don't want, against their will. If the government can do that, going directly against the Commerce Clause, it can do anything it wants."⁵

Talk of keeping a "boot on the neck" of British Petroleum and seeking counsel on "whose ass to kick" reveals that Chicago-style thug politics is alive and well in D.C. and is shaping President Obama's response to the BP Gulf oil spill. In his *Playing Politics vs. Fighting the Spill*⁷ article, Michael Barone writes that Americans have had a dim view of Obama's response because they see the dichotomy between his words and his actions. "'If he (Obama) sees any impropriety in politicians ordering executives about, upstaging the courts and threatening confiscation, he has not said so,' write the editors of *The Economist*, who then suggest that markets see Obama as 'an American version of Vladimir Putin.' Except that Putin is an effective thug."⁷

¹<http://www.gallup.com/poll/140819/Republicans-Midterm-Voting-Enthusiasm-Tops-Prior-Years.aspx>

²<http://tfrw.org/newsletters/2010/06june/J%20Pg%2011%2010%20in%202010%20-%20Besa%20Martin%20Candidate%20Development.pdf>

³ http://uspolitics.about.com/od/thecongress/a/111th_Congress.htm

⁴<http://weeklystandard.com/articles/running-empty>

⁵<http://article.nationalreview.com/436804/hatch-a-plan-to-repeal-obamacare/robert-costa>

⁶<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

⁷http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2010/06/21/playing_politics_vs_fighting_the_spill.html

CFRW Members Attend Texas Republican Convention in Dallas



Back Row L to R: Suzanne Davis, Dawn Shull, Millie Alford,
Kay Waghorne

Front Row L to R: Joy Gregory, Rita Parrish, Mary Moss

Also in attendance: Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott, Jude Wiggins





WAYS & MEANS - Dr. Millie Alford



What a great convention in Dallas! I wish everyone in our club could have gone. Thanks to my great roomie, Dawn. We worked together in Registration two days and had many opportunities to learn how the political processes work. We were so fortunate to hear so many of our political leaders speak.

Summer is officially here. What better summer treats could we offer our families and friends than our delicious jellies? We have about 20 left. If you're interested in purchasing some, please contact me, or check with me at the meetings. Thanks to Jan Ott for being such a great consumer! Our cookbooks are still plentiful. They make great birthday presents and would be perfect 4th of July basket gifts! I can be contacted at mcaphd@yahoo.com or 713-466-0731.

I will also bring our shirts to our meetings. We encourage new members to purchase shirts when they join, so everyone can wear them when we have special meetings. At the convention our members wore our red t-shirts and our denims on Saturday, and we really represented our club spirit. Many times during the day, there were comments about our Republican affiliations. One young man even gave me the "right on" sign and said, "Go Republicans!" I was a little surprised because his rock band was unloading their van for a show, but he smiled and commented that his mom is member in his hometown. Every time we represent our club and our party, we encourage others to take a stand. I'm always very proud to speak to people about our conservative values and let them know what our party upholds. Our CFRW cards are great advertisements and encouragement for others. If you don't have any cards, please let any Board member know and we will send you the template. They are easily printed on your own computer.

Our ads insert for the Membership Books were distributed at the June meeting. If you didn't get your copy, please see Joy Gregory at our next meeting. She will also have the new membership pages at our July meeting.

Our August Social will be lots of fun. I received word today that we will be able to reserve the Twin Lakes Clubhouse, so make plans to join us for a great meeting and some super fellowship on August 10th. We'll have all the details at our July meeting. Remember to invite friends and neighbors to join us.



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



We had a very informative meeting in June as Joan Neuhaus Schaan shared information with us about terrorism in Texas and the US. We had five guests and five new members. We would like to welcome our new members **Debbie Berry, Linda Dempsey, Darlene Hajduk** (hi duke), **Margaret Lullo and Margo Timmins**. We are very glad to welcome you to CFRW.

We have been working very diligently to increase our membership and to reach our 2010 goal of eighty-one voting members. We have sixty-five voting members at the present time. Please keep telling your friends and neighbors about us. We have included a membership application in this newsletter for the convenience of anyone wanting to join our club. You can also join online at www.cfrw.net.





SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Rita Parrish



Rita Parrish is a native Houstonian. Growing up in East Houston in the small suburban town of Jacinto City was wonderful because it was safe and small. It was also exciting to have the big city of Houston so close and so easily accessible. She graduated from Galena Park High School and moved on to achieve an Associate Arts Degree from San Jacinto Junior College. Plans to attend the University of Texas changed after marrying Roger Parrish who also grew up in the same town. They moved to Friendswood and lived there several years before settling down in northwest Houston.

After a short career she started her family and decided to spend her time working in the home and raising two wonderful daughters. Roger travelled extensively with his job in the oil industry, and Rita was very involved with the girls' schools, sports and all the everyday things. She also took time to play on a weekly tennis league. Jan Ott a great doubles partner – they played as partners for many years.

Traveling with Roger to the Eastern Block countries and the Soviet Union before the dissolution of the former Soviet Union and then to Russia after the break-up in the seventies and eighties was very eye-opening and changed her outlook on how our country fit in with the rest of the world. It was very nice to be envied by everyone she met, because her home country was the USA. It was amazing to realize that the rest of the world was so in awe of what we all took for granted here in the States. She always thought it would be good if everyone would have the chance to travel to other countries and see how hard life could be compared to ours in the States.

Rita voted as soon as she was eligible even though her family was very non-political. She always knew that it was important to exercise that right. This was probably due to a wonderful government teacher in high school. Over the years she was able to influence friends and family to be more involved and to realize that they needed to vote to have a say in what happens in our government.

In the summer of 2005 a new Republican Women's Club was formed in northwest Houston. Rita is a Charter Member of that club which became Cy-Fair Republican Women. She has been a very active member for five years and has spent those years learning how much the work of the Republican Women has helped many candidates become elected. Becoming active in campaigns was fun and really gave her an opportunity to be a part of the process of getting candidates elected. Being a new club there were many learning curves that were fun and rewarding along the way.

Rita has held a major office each year beginning with Campaign Activities Chairman. The following term she served as Newsletter Editor and presently holds the office of 1st VP Programs. Each office has held its own challenges which were met with enthusiasm and care. She also works with Greater Houston Council of Republican Women and has been an assistant for its newsletter for the past two years.

Rita has attended TFRW Conventions in 2005, 2007 and 2009. She also attended the Republican State Conventions in 2006, 2008 and now Dallas in 2010. Attending Legislative Day in Austin several times and also participating in the numerous workshops offered by TRFW were enjoyable and helped immensely in learning the best way to approach everything in which Republican Women are involved.

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





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 _____
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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.