

Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2010

A Minute with Mary



There has been much in the news lately concerning the passage of SB1070 in Arizona. This is the law dealing with illegal immigration. There have been countless articles, op-ed pieces, sound bites, and talking heads expounding on the evils of the bill. (You rarely see the pro point of view in the paper or on the TV).

For the most part the heads would have you believe this law now gives law enforcement the right to stop, arrest, detain and ultimately deport anyone whom they suspect is an illegal alien solely on their appearance. Racial profiling has been the battle cry. Oh no! The "R" word! If you have no other argument; you can always rely on the "R" word to prove your point.

I downloaded SB 1070 and read all 16 pages. No where did it spell out, allow, or encourage law enforcement to stop or question anyone solely based on their appearance or skin color. All the provisions were either "pursuant to" or if the person or entity were "in violation of" 8 *United States Code* section, 1229, 1304, 1306, 1324, 1378, et al. The bill simply reiterates the rights and obligations that 8 *US Code* gives law enforcement to determine a person's status should they be stopped in conjunction with another offense. It also addresses human smuggling, and seven pages deal with employers who hire illegal aliens.

I heard the final stroke on the "Michael Berry Show". He reported that the president of Mexico, a guest in our country, stood before the US Congress and had the unmitigated gall to criticize the state of Arizona and then get a standing "O" from the Democrats on the floor! Shame on him for abusing our hospitality; and shame on the ones who stood up and applauded his statements. Whether we agree on everything or not, we are still all Americans first. Do you tolerate anyone speaking poorly about your family? Why would you not only tolerate but also applaud a foreign guest for making disparaging comments about



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- June 8.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- June 11-12.....Republican State Convention/
TFRW Tribute to Women Brunch
Dallas, TX
- June 14.....FLAG DAY
- June 17.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club

a segment of our great country?!

But wait, just after Mr. Calderon's chastising of the Arizona Legislature, Michael played a recording of Mr. Calderon talking to CNN's Wolf Blitzer. When asked if someone from, say Nicaragua, walks across the Mexican border and does not go through the legal steps for entry, can that person stay and work. President Calderon gives an emphatic "No." They would be returned to the border and made to leave. Further, when Mr. Blitzer asked whether Mexican authorities had the authority and did they routinely ask for proof of being in Mexico legally, Mr. C said, "of course." Hmm, what's good for the goose doesn't seem to apply to the gander.

How to address illegal aliens is a major, major issue. There are no quick and simple solutions. It is my opinion that the first step should be to slow (stopping, I think would be next to impossible) the illegal flow into our country. Then we need to figure out what to do with the ones who are already here. If this law helps slow this flow – YOU GO ARIZONA! I hope Texas is right behind you!

Mary Moss

It's not the people in the South who create racial problems - it's the people who are governing.

~ **Nat King Cole**



JUNE MEETING



**TUESDAY
JUNE 8, 2010**

PROGRAM

JOAN NEUHAUS SCHAAN

***Fellow in Homeland Security and
Terrorism - Baker Institute***

**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: TBD

**(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced
notice.)**

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010
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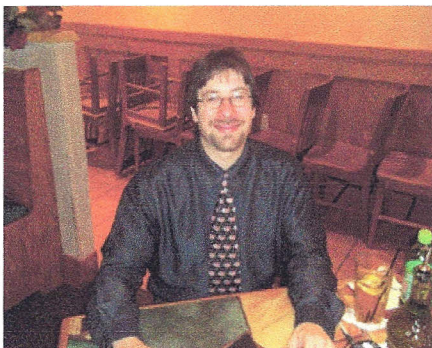
Speaking at our meeting this month will be Joan Neuhaus Schaan with the subject being terrorism and security in our community and along the Texas borders. Even though the Mexican Border is quite far from Houston, there are many types of crime that happen in the Houston area which start out at the border. Information is a valuable tool and you won't want to miss her presentation. Be sure to make plans to attend this meeting and, of course, bring your friends with you.

Joan Neuhaus Schaan is the fellow in homeland security and terrorism at the Baker Institute which serves the Houston-Harris County region and its population by enhancing regional security. She has served as the executive director of the Houston-Harris County Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council since 2004. This Council is a joint effort of Harris County, the City of Houston and Rice University. She also serves on the board of directors for Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.

From 2002 to 2004, Neuhaus Schaan was mobilized to active duty for Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and was deployed to Northern Command's 24 Operational Intelligence Watch in Cheyenne Mountain. At the conclusion of her tour, she was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff insignia. Prior to mobilization, Neuhaus Schaan served as the project coordinator for the Houston Task Force on Terrorism and led the assessment of Houston's terrorism response mechanisms, a joint effort of the Office of the Mayor of Houston and the Baker Institute. Upon completion, Neuhaus Schaan was chaired as the Thomas Cook and Mary Elizabeth Edwards Fellow for Terrorism at Rice University.

Joan Neuhaus Schaan's first involvement in the field of terrorism and homeland security came as an officer with the United States Naval Reserve, where she became an antiterrorism training officer for her squadron and was responsible for the force protection briefings for deployments to the Americas and Pacific. She was appointed to the Texas Commission on Private Security by Gov. George W. Bush in 1999, and later reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry. Neuhaus Schaan received her B.A. from Williams College and her M.B.A. from the Jesse Jones Graduate School at Rice University. If you would like to follow her work you can read her posts on the Baker Institute Blog.

~ Rita Parrish



MAY MEETING PHOTOS



Eric Golub, speaker, author, and humorist entertained members and guests with his political satire!

CFRW members L. to R.: Dawn Shull (Legislative), Dr. Millie Alford (Ways & Means), Mary Moss (President) and Joy Gregory (Membership)





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

May 11, 2010



President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Millie Alford led us in prayer and pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Joy Gregory welcomed and introduced guests. Since this was our membership drive month and we had many guests. Mary discussed the goals and functions of our club.

Rita Parrish then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Eric Golub, a political humorist who has written three books, *Ideological Bigotry*, *Ideological Violence*, and *Ideological Idiocy*. He also is an award-winning Blogger. He gave a laugh-packed talk on the state of the current political scene and then held a question and answer session.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, indicated that the Minutes of the April 13, 2010 General Meeting were printed in the Newsletter, and the April Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported that the March 31, 2010, balance of the General Account was \$12,121.79. Deposits of \$627.00 and payments of \$588.15 were made to the account, which left a balance as of April 30, 2010, of \$12,160.64. Additionally, a transfer of \$200.00 was made from the General Account to the Scholarship Fund, which gave it a balance of \$1,101.30. Barbara stated that the Franchise Tax Report and the TEC Election reports had been filed.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, indicated that she had shirts and jellies for sale. See her after the meeting if interested. She also indicated that she had received ten ads for our Membership Book.

Newsletter Editor, Betty Guthrie, stated that the Newsletter had been mailed and/or e-mailed to members. The deadline for June Newsletter is May 24, 2010. She plans to spotlight a member of the club when space is available. Jan Ott, a founding member of CFRW, is the first member to be spotlighted in the Newsletter.

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, thanked guests and members for coming. She also thanked Betty Guthrie, Judith Stokes, Dawn Shull, and Lois Barclay for helping with making the trail mix bags and the greeting of visitors. She stated that we have 62 members, 14 dual, and 7 men.

Lois Barclay, Campaign Activities Chair, passed around the Campaign Hours Sheet, and stated that any time spent on our specific job for CFRW was time we could record.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary reported that the Cy-Fair Women's Expo went well. She indicated that four of our guests today are from the Expo.

The Tribute to Women will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Republican State Convention in Dallas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary welcomed Betty Phelan Collins who is replacing Jeanie Hardin as our Registration Chairman.

Debby Frieden volunteered to take on the chairmanship of the Caring for America program.

We are forming a Standing Rules and By-laws Review Committee. Betty Guthrie will Chair and Doris Jones will Vice-Chair. Dawn Shull volunteered, so we need one or two more volunteers.

We also need to form a Campaign Disbursement Committee which will consist of the President, (Mary Moss), 2nd Vice-President, (Millie Alford), Treasurer, (Barbara Buxton), and four members elected by the general membership. (The four members can't have been an elected committee member from the last election). Nominees from the floor were Dawn Shull, Rita Parrish, Judie Stokes, and Betty Guthrie. Jan Ott made the motion that these people be voted on together. The motion was seconded by Mary Atchison. Motion passed.

The Astros are having a Republican Party Night on Tuesday, June 22. See Mary if you want to attend.





MINUTES, continued



Constitution Day is September 17, and we usually give Constitution books to Walker Elementary. Our cost is \$1.00 per book. Judith Stokes made a motion that we again purchase the books for Walker Elementary School, Mary Atchison seconded the motion, and the Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT/DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 is the Greater Houston Council meeting

Monday, May 24, 2010 is the Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 is CFRW General Meeting

Raffle prizes were awarded and Mary Moss adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m

Doris Jones

CFRW Secretary.



LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



Following up the CFRW April Legislative Report, I can report that the Texas State Board of Education has posted and voted on its final recommended social studies curriculum standards.^{1,2} They have been roundly criticized by many on the left but their revisions are, as Robert C. Koons wrote in his recent opinion piece, “small steps in the direction of promoting objectivity in our educational standards.”³ Public Testimony Registrations for May 19, 2010, exceeded 180, the board’s final vote was May 21.⁴

In the coming months our club members can make a difference by helping all Republican candidates running for elections, but particularly those in difficult races. TFRW has a “10 in 2010” vision with the goal of keeping Texas House Republican incumbents in office and electing 10 more. In Harris County Dwayne Bohac⁵, District 138, and Ken Legler⁶, District 144, face tough re-election races. Jim Murphy⁷ is trying to re-take the District 133 seat he barely lost to Democrat Representative Kristi Thibaut in 2008. TFRW identifies five incumbents with challenging re-election races and thirteen Republican candidates that are running against incumbent Democrats. This list will be posted on our CFRW Web site and hard copies will be available at our next meeting.

John Faulk⁸, a candidate for U.S. Congressional District 18, has an uphill battle running against incumbent Sheila Jackson Lee.

To find out where a particular district is, check out the online District Viewer⁹, a map of all Texas Districts - U.S. Congressional, Texas Senate and House, and State Board of Education. To find the more densely populated districts you’ll need to zoom in or use the “find” function.

¹<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=3643>

²<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147483739>

³<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7004327.html>

⁴<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3785>

⁵<http://www.bohac.com/>

⁶<http://www.votekenlegler.com/>

⁷<http://www.votejimurphy.com/0/2873192/0/18754/>

⁸<http://www.faulkforcongress.org/index.html>

⁹<http://gis1.tlc.state.tx.us/>





WAYS & MEANS - Dr. Millie Alford



How exciting to be part of CFRW at this time of renewal and reclamation for the Republican Party! We have been growing at an admirable rate and every new member is bringing new ideas and a spirit of camaraderie that will certainly help us to grow stronger and be more instrumental.

We have sold two sets of the Peter Barnes children's books recently. I encourage anyone who is looking for a great educational and historical gift for a child or grandchild to choose these books. If you'll give me a call at 713-466-0731, I'll be glad to bring a set to the following meeting.

Our denim shirts and t-shirts will be available at our regular meetings. We will be re-ordering soon so we will have all sizes available. Of course, we still have our great cookbooks and a few jars of our fabulous jam and jelly. We've been using our jams and jellies as door prizes, and they're a big hit.

Special thanks go out to all who have purchased our books, cookbooks, shirts, and jellies. With everyone's support, we will continue to raise the money we need to fund our projects and support our candidates.

Our latest Ways & Means project is political ads in our membership book. We have over ten already and will have the pages to add to our books at a future meeting.

We're looking forward to the Republican State Convention in June. We will learn more about our party and will be participating in many areas from registration to voting. We should have some good reports to share.



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Welcome new CFRW members, G. G. Marshall and Lory Martin! We look forward to your participation in our club.

A big "Thank You" goes to Jeanie Hardin and Debbie Brown who have served CFRW as Registration Chairman and Caring for America Chairman respectively during the past year. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them at future meetings. Betty Phelan Collins and Debby Frieden have graciously accepted the appointments as Registration Chairman and Caring for America Chairman of CFRW. Thank you both for your support of CFRW.

A Membership Application is included in this newsletter for your convenience. A form is also available online at www.cfrw.net. Please download a copy, complete the form and mail it to the Membership Chairman or bring it with you to the next meeting. Share the form with your family and friends!

REPUBLICAN NIGHT AT THE ASTROS - GIANTS GAME

Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:05 p.m.

See flyer or contact Mary Moss for details at 281-550-9415.





SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Mary Moss



Mary Moss is a 4th generation Texan and native Houstonian. She graduated from Lamar HS in Houston and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches with a BBA with an emphasis in Finance. She was a Student Body Representative and Student Body Treasurer, a member of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega Fraternity where she held the offices of Rush Chairman and Secretary; and where she met the love of her life and best friend, Bill. Mary and Bill have been married 34 years and have two sons, Sam (BBA Baylor '04) and Thomas (BBA TCU '09, MA TCU '10).

Mary began her professional career with a freight forwarder, but took time out when Sam was born and devoted her time to raising her boys. She kept busy as Cub Scout leader, Pack Chairman, and Troop Committee Member while the boys were involved in scouting, both earning the rank of Eagle Scout. She was team mom for their baseball teams, homeroom mom while they were in elementary school, Sunday school teacher at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Cy-Falls' FFA Booster Club Treasurer, turkey and pig mom. Whatever the boys were involved in, Mary was there to support them.

When the boys were both in school, Mary started her next career as a substitute teacher to allow her the flexibility to be available when the boys needed her. Once the boys were out of public school, she made her next move to the oil and gas industry as administrative assistant to a petroleum engineer.

Mary got her start in organized Republican politics when she joined Village Republican Women in 2003. There she was on several committees. In 2005 she became a Charter Member of Cy-Fair Republican Women. Since 2005, Mary has been Membership Chairman, 2nd Vice-President – Ways and Means, and is currently President. Over these past years, in addition to her Board positions, she has worked diligently on numerous special committees.

Mary has attended TFRW Conventions in Corpus Christi and Galveston. She has attended the past four TFRW Legislative Days in Austin where she gained much insight at the various workshops. Mary was a delegate to the Republican State Conventions in 2006 and 2010. She has also worked phone banks, block walked and helped at campaign offices for several Republican candidates over the years. All of these activities have helped her become a better representative for the Republican Women and a leader in her community.

Mary now devotes her time to work, her Republican Women friends, her family, and helping Bill on his dad's ranch where she has learned the finer points of raising cattle and fixing barbed wire fence.

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





Astros

Republican Party Night

Republican Party
Night
Special Pricing!

Minute Maid Park
Tuesday, June 22nd

Field Boxes - \$22.00
(Original Price - \$39.00)



Game Time 7:05p

Bullpen Boxes - \$15.00
(Original Price - \$26.00)

Mezzanine - \$12.00
(Original Price - \$20.00)

View Deck I - \$9.00
(Original Price - \$15.00)

View Deck II - \$700
(Original Price - \$12.00)

The Houston Astros are honored to host the Republican Party at Minute Maid Park on Tuesday, June 22nd. This is a great opportunity for all the Republican organizations in the Houston area to get together with family and friends to have some fun at a ball game!

For group ticket purchases of 20 or more, contact:
Kevin Pickhard at 713.259.8337 or kpickhard@astros.com

*Service and Handling fees will apply for orders of less than 20 tickets

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 1-800-ASTROS2 OR VISIT astros.com



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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<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.