



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
March 2010

A Minute with Mary



Elections are contests. There is a winner and a loser. More often than not, these contests are not pretty. In an effort to make themselves look more appealing or more qualified, candidates often say derogatory, hurtful things about their opponent(s). It's not always easy to listen to, and it's often very contentious, but hey, that's politics.

As I write this, the March Primary is still a few days away; but by the time you read this, the primary will be over and we will know who our Republican candidates will be in the November General election (or if there are run-offs – the field will be narrowed). Once the dust has settled, and we know who the winners are, we as Republican women need to take a deep breath, straighten our shoulders, hold our heads high, and do what we do best – **support our candidates.**

We need to get past any feelings of disbelief or dejection that your candidate did not win and support the Republican candidate of the majority; because regardless of who you supported yesterday, the name that will be on the November ballot represents the Republican Party today. Please remember, that even if you did not support the candidate that won the primary, he/she is now the Republican candidate and will be the person that tries to support the Republican principles of less government and lower taxes.

Please do not go off in a huff and not vote or [shutter] vote for the “other” side. By not voting you are helping the party that typically pushes an agenda of big government, which takes higher taxes to pay for. The “other” side typically thinks that government knows best on how you should do just about everything – think the lack of voter ID, the stimulus, the auto industry takeover, health care. And why would you vote for



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- March 2.....PRIMARY ELECTION
- March 9.....CFRW General Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill
- March 18.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club
- March 20.....Senatorial District Convention

someone with whom you have very little in common over someone you agree with on most of the big issues – like less government and lower taxes?

A wise person said that “it’s OK to disagree, but you don’t have to be disagreeable.” Take these words to heart once the ballot for November has been set. If your candidate(s) lost, be a good loser and switch your energies to supporting and electing the duly nominated Republican candidates. And, if your candidate(s) were the winners, be gracious and accept the new found supporters humbly and thankfully. In the end, we are all Republicans and should support the folks that will try their best to uphold the principles that we treasure.

Mary Moss

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. – Henry Ford

PLEASE NOTE:

This will be the last issue of the Newsletter that you receive, unless you have joined or renewed your membership in CFRW for 2010.



MARCH MEETING



**TUESDAY
MARCH 9, 2010**

PROGRAM

KENDALL MILLER

Texans for Lawsuit Reform

**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: Penne Carrabba with Chicken
Italian Salad
Bread
Cannoli**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010
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KENDALL MILLER



Our speaker for this month's meeting is Kendall Miller. Kendall is President of Tanglewood Corporation, a family owned business that develops and manages various properties in the Houston area. Kendall will be speaking for Texans for Lawsuit Reform whose objective is to restore litigation to its traditional and appropriate role in our society. TLR believes a lawsuit should be the last resort to resolve disputes between parties because of the heavy emotional and financial toll on the participants.

Kendall serves, on a volunteer basis, as a spokesman for Texans for Lawsuit Reform to civic and community groups. His experience in business has provided him the opportunity to see first hand the effect of lawsuit abuse and also the effect of successful tort reform legislation. He is an active supporter of Texans for Lawsuit Reform and of TLR's objectives for a fair and balanced Texas civil justice system.

Plan to attend this meeting and hear what Kendall Miller has to say about the advancements being made by TLR to enact much needed reform in the arena of lawsuit abuse and how tort reform works to balance the justice system.

~ Rita Parrish



WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



Thanks to everyone who bought our wonderful jellies. We have some jars left and will have them available at our future meetings.

Spring is surely on its way, and what a great Easter basket gift our Peter Barnes' books would be for our children and grandchildren. We have sold several sets lately and appreciate the support.

We have red t-shirts and denim shirts available, so let me know if you need one. We will also have our shirts available at meetings. We encourage new members to purchase shirts when they join, so everyone can wear them when we have special meetings, such as our Judges' Forum on Tuesday, February 23.

We will be taking orders for ad space in our membership book following the Primary Election, so please encourage anyone who might be interested to purchase space. We plan to have the ad pages available by June. See my e-mail address and telephone number below.

Thanks to everyone who puts forth unending efforts to make CFRW the great organization it is. We are growing every month, and we are so proud of our new members. I urge you to get involved and help us to grow CFRW even more this next year. Share your ideas with friends and neighbors and invite them to join us.

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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
February 9, 2010

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Chaplin, Suzanne Davis, led us in prayer and pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag. Joy Gregory, introduced guests to the membership. Rita Parrish, Programs Chair, then introduced the Honorable John Phillips, Judge of the 314th Juvenile District Court. Judge Phillips spoke on the subject of the Juvenile District Court System—how they are working to find solutions in order to make the system work better. His talk was very informative.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, indicated that January's minutes were printed in the Newsletter, and they were approved as published.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, reported that our balance as of December 31, 2009, was \$11,707.24. Deposits of \$1,149.00 and payments of \$1,138.85 were made in the account which gave us an ending balance as of January 31, 2010, of \$11,717.39. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$901.08.

Betty Guthrie, Newsletter Editor, informed us that the Newsletter deadline is Monday, February 22, 2010.

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, informed us that membership renewal notices were mailed out to members who have not renewed their memberships. Joy said that we have 50 active members, 11 associate members, and 6 or 7 men members. Joy informed us that some name tags had come in—check with Joy. Also, members can order new name tags with Joy—cost is \$15.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, stated that she and Joy had registered nine new voters at the Lone Star College.

Mary Moss stated that since Debbie Brown was not present she would take any donations/items for Operation Interdependence and forward them to Debbie.

SPECIAL ORDER

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, presented and went over the Proposed Budget for 2010. The Proposed Budget for 2010 was approved by the members.

OLD BUSINESS

The Financial Review Committee (Barbara Buxton, Kay Waghorne, and Suzanne Davis), will give a report to the membership at the March General Meeting.

The members who went to the TFRW Leadership Workshop in Austin reported that they learned much and enjoyed the workshop greatly.

Greater Houston Council will give a "Nuts N Bolts" Workshop on Tuesday, February 16, at the Northwest Forest Conference Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mary reminded members that we will have a meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Le Madeleine Restaurant, Hwy 6 and 290, to discuss and plan for our Judges Forum on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Westside Fellowship Church on Fry Road.





MINUTES, continued

NEW BUSINESS

Mary encouraged members to attend their Primary Convention immediately after the close of the March 2, 2010 polls. It's a great way to be involved with the system at the grass roots level. Handouts and Vote Signs are available for members to take.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Feb. 22, 2010—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010—Greater Houston Council “Nuts and Bolts” luncheon-\$35.

February 16—early Voting

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 CFRW “Judges Forum”—7 p.m.

Hospitality Committee needs a volunteer for March Gen. Meeting since Jeanie Hardin will not be here. Betty Collins volunteered.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010—Primary Election Day/Precinct Conventions

Tuesday, March 9, 2010—CFRW General Meeting— speaker from Texans for Lawsuit Reform

Tuesday, May 11, 2010—CFRW General Meeting-speaker will be Eric Golub

Door Prizes were given, and as there was no other business, Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary



LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



Hopefully all of you voted in the Republican Primary on March 2 AND attended your precinct meetings held after the polls closed at your polling location. Grassroots start at the precinct level where party platform resolutions are initiated and delegates are chosen for the **Senatorial District Convention (SDC)** to be held **Saturday, March 20**. At the SDC selected resolutions will be voted on and delegates chosen to attend the **State Republican Convention** to be held **June 11 & 12 in Dallas**. Check out the “Convention Road Map” at TFRW¹.

Voter ID, limiting growth of government, cutting taxes, publicly acknowledging God, requiring a sonogram before an elective abortion... where did those five propositions on the primary ballot come from and why? The **State Republican Executive Committee**² considered these issues critical to Republican voters and approved their inclusion on the ballot. *These are non-binding resolutions that are the party's way of gauging support for issues, and for informing voters and elected officials where the party's grassroots stand on the issues.*³ By the way, this Executive Committee (one man and one woman for each of the 31 Senate Districts) is chosen by delegates to the bi-annual State Republican Convention.

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, is the primary runoff election date, if needed. Be sure to vote!

¹ <http://tfrw.org/newsletters/2010/02feb/PAGE%2011%20Leadership—Precinct%20Convention%20Handout%20%283%29%20TONI%20ANNE%20SPECIAL%20COMMITTEE.doc.pdf>

² <http://texasgop.org/inner.asp?z=27>

³ <http://texasgop.org/event.asp?artid=115>



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



March is here and the Membership Committee is making BIG plans for our May Membership Drive. TFRW has asked us to increase our membership by 16% for 2010 which translates into 11 new members or an Active Membership of 81. Ladies, I feel this is definitely an attainable goal for our club. Let's keep bringing our friends and neighbors to the meetings.

Needed are two or three willing workers for the Membership Committee. I really need someone with good computer skills to help with the Membership Book. Please call me at 281-463-8203, if you would like to help plan the Membership Drive, greet attendees at the meetings, or help with the book. As our membership grows, the need for a committee increases.

For those of you who have not yet sent in your renewals for 2010, WE MISS YOU! A membership Application is included in the newsletter.

Those of you who have not joined or renewed your CFRW membership for 2010 will not be receiving future CFRW Newsletters.



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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IMPORTANT LINKS:

<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.