



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
MAY 2010

A Minute with Mary



There is a word that many of us in this country have forgotten. A word that if more of our citizenry would embrace and put into practice would make many, if not all, of our problems disappear. That word is RESPONSIBILITY. Collectively, we, as members of this community, state and nation, need to be more accountable for ourselves and for our families.

Take, for instance, the free lunch program. There is a TV program in which the famous chef (I forget his name, guess he's not that famous) is taking on schools in which over half of the students were on the free lunch program to make healthier lunches. I got to thinking that most of the families that qualify for the free lunch program, probably qualify for other assistance as well, so why not use some of that allowance to buy supplies to make a sack lunch? Take responsibility for your own children, take five minutes out of your day, and make their lunch. This one act would not only show your loving care of your child, but would save the tax payers' money (according to an AP article \$5.7 million per day in Texas alone [2.3 million students at \$2.47 each per day]).

Another instance of misplaced blame is the drop out rate. There is no doubt that it is way too high, but why is it the educators' fault that students quit school before they pass the finish line? Is it not the obligation, first and foremost, of the children to show up, follow the rules, and do their best – sounds kind of like life, huh? If the student is not mature enough to understand this, is it not the obligation of the family to help, aid and support their children to become the best they can be? Just by the fact that we are citizens of this great nation, we have the privilege of sending our children to schools where, with just a little effort, they can get an education that will allow them to become contributing members of society. Should it not be primarily the responsibility of the individual, then the family, and lastly the government to take the steps necessary to succeed?

Don't get me wrong; I wholeheartedly support the concept that we as a local, state or national community



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



- May 8.....ESD No. 9 Election Day
- May 11.....CFRW Membership Drive/
(10:30 a.m.) General Meeting
Carrabba's Italian Grill
- May 18.....Greater Houston Council
Meeting
- May 20.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club

join together to help the poor, the less fortunate and persons with disabilities lead productive lives. I think the key word here is productive. Too many times, it seems, the givers just throw money at a problem and the takers just take it with no thought that this assistance should be temporary. They should strive to make adjustments in their lives to eliminate the need for assistance.

There is no doubt that our country has its problems. Unemployment is at an all time high, government is getting bigger (not better), our economy is shaky, and it seems like every time you listen to the news some new catastrophe is looming. Living in the United States affords us unlimited possibilities, but with this privilege comes the obligation and the duty to make the most of what is offered. We must all take responsibility for ourselves and our families and stop the notion that our government will bail us out for everything that may befall us – poverty, failure, illness, financial loss.....

Mary Moss

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

~ John D. Rockefeller, Jr.



MAY MEETING



**TUESDAY
MAY 11, 2010**

PROGRAM

ERIC GOLUB
Speaker - Author - Humorist

**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: Mediterranean Salad
Pollo Rosa Maria (grilled
chicken breast stuffed with
fontina cheese and prosciutto,
topped with mushrooms in a
basil/lemon/butter sauce)
Broccoli Gratin
Tiramisu**

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

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
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ERIC GOLUB



Eric Golub is a political satirist and blogger who presents a very lively and fun narrative on happenings in the Republican landscape according to his viewpoint.

Eric is Brooklyn born, Long Island raised. He received his Bachelors degree from the University of Judaism. He has lived in Los Angeles since 1990 and received his MBA from USC.

He has been a stockbrokerage professional since 1994. He began blogging on March 11th, 2007, the three-year anniversary of the Madrid bombings and the midpoint of 9/11. Eric blogs about politics Monday through Friday. On the weekends he finds the time to blog about football and other human interest items. In 2007 he won the Bloggers Choice Award for Most Passionate Fan Base.

His blog is called the "Tygrrrr Express," and in April of 2009 he published the book *Ideological Bigotry*. He speaks around the country to various chapters of the Republican Women's Federated, Republican Jewish Coalition, Young Republicans, College Republicans, and other GOP groups.

Please come and hear Eric Golub at the upcoming meeting and be prepared to be entertained and enlightened.

~ Rita Parrish



Photo taken at the April 2010 meeting of CFRW which featured Representative Dwayne Bohac, District 138, as our guest speaker.

L to R: Mary Moss, CFRW President, Representative Dwayne Bohac, and Rita Parrish, CFRW First VP: Programs.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

April 13, 2010

President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Chaplain, Suzanne Davis, led us in prayer and pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Joy Gregory introduced guests, and Rita Parrish introduced our guest speaker, the Honorable Dwayne Bohac, Texas State Representative for District 138. He gave a comprehensive talk on the state of the Texas legislature including recently passed legislation and newly proposed legislation, redistricting which will be coming soon, the state of the Harris County Republican Party, Eminent Domain, and the making of a pathway for the University of Houston to become a Tier One University.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, indicated that the Minutes of the March General Meeting were printed in the newsletter, and the March Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, was not present, however, her written report showed that we had a balance as of March 28, 2010, of \$12,266.38. Deposits of \$813.00 and payments of \$957.59 were made during the month. The balance as of March 31, 2010, was \$12,121.79. Our scholarship fund balance as of March 31, 2010, was \$901.08.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, informed us that she had shirts, cookbooks, and jellies available for purchase.

Betty Guthrie, Newsletter Editor, stated that the deadline for articles in the newsletter is Monday, April 26, 2010.

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, indicated that May 13th is our membership drive meeting. Ask friends to come to the meeting as we need about 20 new members to make our membership goal. Also, nametags are in, so please see Joy if you ordered a nametag.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, passed around the sheet for volunteer hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have a booth at the Cy-Fair Women's Expo which will be held at the Houston National Golf Club from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010. We will have voter registration, CFRW memberships, and cookbooks. Mary has ordered four lunches, and all are welcome to come (admission is free) and/or volunteer. (Set up is at 10:00 a.m.)

The Tribute to Women at the Dallas Republican State Convention will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. We will have four honorees: Kay Waghorne and Mary Moss (past and present presidents), and two nominees which were voted on by the general membership - Rita Parrish and Millie Alford. Each honoree should prepare a 200 word bio emphasizing her contributions to TFRW and the Republican Party. The cost of the luncheon is \$59. Volunteers are needed for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Saturday, May 8, 2010, is election day for Emergency Service Districts, and early voting is from April 26 through May 4, 2010, at the ESD district office on Telge Road. Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, and our guest speaker will be author Eric Golub. Tuesday, May 18, is the Greater Houston Council meeting. Roy Morales who is running against Gene Green needs volunteers.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary





MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



I hope everyone is excited about our May Membership Drive. We have an excellent program lined up and plan to have gifts for each guest and member who brings one. If each one of us will bring one guest, we will have a good crowd. I am looking forward to an exciting meeting and lots of laughs on Tuesday, May 11th. Please make your reservations by noon on Friday, May 7th.

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN WANTS YOU TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH



MAY 11, 2010

CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

(7540 HWY 6N)

10:30 AM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

ERIC GOLUB – SPEAKER, AUTHOR, HUMORIST

WILL ENTERTAIN US

Gifts for guests and members who bring guests!

Reservations Required (www.cfrw.net)

Meeting only - \$3.00

Meeting and Lunch - \$ 15.00

CFRW is pleased to welcome new members **Stacy Price** and **Sylvia Swain!** We look forward to your involvement in our club.

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!





LEGISLATIVE - Dawn Shull



Everywhere you look more and more taxes loom; it is dizzying. Our president and congress spend to new heights and then convene a commission to tackle the deficit. As Dana Milbank of the *Washington Post* wrote, "Holding a 'fiscal responsibility summit' at the White House in the middle of a government spending spree is a bit like having an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at a frat house on homecoming weekend."¹ From allowing the Bush tax cuts to lapse² to the myriad new taxes in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act³ (PPACA) to the consideration of a Value Added Tax (VAT) to pay for the deficit⁴, we are awash in proposed taxes that can only inhibit incentive and economic growth. The PPACA has major tax increases - 40% excise tax on certain health insurance plans, increase in the Hospital Insurance portion of the payroll tax for families making more than \$250,000, payroll taxes on investment, mandates on individuals and businesses - and at least 14 smaller tax hikes.³ A VAT would be something worth considering if it **replaced** the federal income tax rather than being levied **in addition** to it!

Although in the current Congress it may not see the light of day, our own Senator John Cornyn and Senator John Kyl of Arizona have proposed the *Foreign-Held Debt Transparency and Threat Assessment Act* that would "improve transparency on which nations hold U.S. debt, and to ensure that Congress is fully informed of the economic and national security risks associated with that debt."⁵ Just look to our European neighbors, in particular Greece whose debt has been downgraded to junk status⁶, to see how risky and dangerous mounting debt is.

In their show of being fiscally responsible, the senate is considering Senator Dodd's (D-Conn) regulation plan to prevent future "bailout" situations. This "1,408-page bill includes numerous provisions that would hurt - not help - consumers and the economy. It would even make another financial crisis or bailout *more* likely to occur."⁷ More than ever we are reminded that elections have consequences.

¹<http://blog.heritage.org/2010/04/27/morning-bell-the-obama-fiscal-responsibility-farce-continues-2/print/>

²<http://hutchison.senate.gov/cc042310Taxes.htm>¹

³<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2010/04/Obamacare-Impact-on-Taxpayers>

⁴[Irwin Stelzer: Small Bras and the Value-Added Tax - WSJ.com](http://www.wsj.com/article/IRWIN_STELZER_Small_Bras_and_the_Value-Added_Tax_-_WSJ.com)

⁵<http://senatus.wordpress.com/2010/04/21/senators-introduce-the-foreign-held-debt-transparency-and-threat-assessment-act/>

⁶<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h3kgMAkbLwyfxBdjzw8Pc4KZ7DhQD9FBH1NO0>

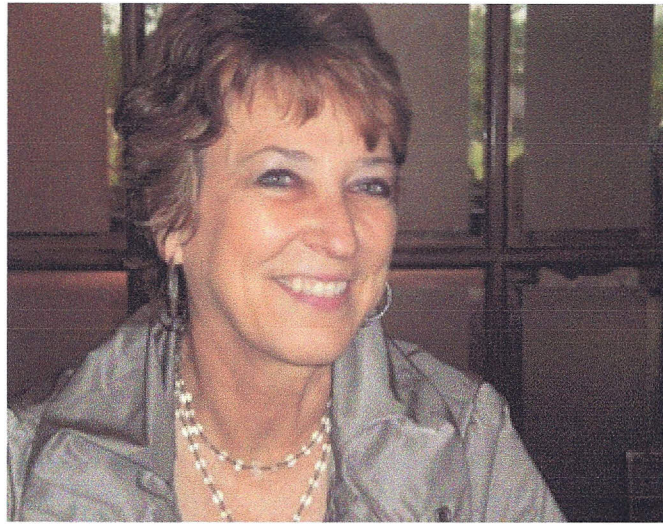
⁷<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2010/04/Senator-Dodds-Regulation-Plan-14-Fatal-Flaws>

***Check out the new feature in CFRW Newsletter titled "Spotlight on CFRW Member..."
When space permits an article will be devoted to introducing one of CFRW's members.
We hope you will enjoy this new addition!***





SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...JAN OTT



Jan Ott has been involved with the Federation of Republican Women in Texas since she joined the Village Republican Women in 2001. In 2005, together with the other Charter members and the help of the Greater Houston Council she worked to start the Cy-Fair Republican Women's Club. Jan served as its first President, Awards Chair and is currently the club's Parliamentarian. In 2008 she became TFRW Treasurer and is currently TFRW Vice President of Membership.

Jan grew up on a dairy farm in Missouri, graduated from the University of Missouri, got married and moved with her husband Bill to Kansas, the Texas panhandle, Oklahoma, and Singapore before settling in Houston since 1983. (Hurricane Alicia stopped by Houston at the same time.) She and her husband have one daughter, Amber, who was born in Singapore and now lives in New York with her husband, Andy, and Jan and Bill's grandpuppy.

Jan's activities have ranged from coordinating travel and tours in the Far East while living in Singapore, Chinese brush painting, volunteering at her daughter's schools, Girl Scouts, and organizations, playing tennis (best partner ever - Rita), being self-employed as an interior designer, organizing trips including several to Washington DC with her partner Carolyn Hodges for TFRW and others, and helping to manage her and her husband's business. She now frequently accompanies her husband on his many business trips when he goes to some of his more interesting places.

Jan has always been a Republican interested in politics and worked on her first campaign while in college for the Missouri Governor's campaign of Kit Bond, who is now Senator. Being involved in Republican Women's clubs has provided a great way to continue that interest, work on campaigns, strive to make a difference and help make our community and country a better place. It has also provided a wonderful opportunity to meet so many fascinating women and make wonderful friends all across the state.

CFRW thanks Jan 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 _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Fax # _____ Email Address: _____
Spouse: _____ Precinct # _____ Birthday: _____
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.