

Cy-Fair NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010 Republican Women

A Minute with Mary



It never fails, but I always learn something new whenever I attend a function sponsored by Republican Women. Last week I (Millie Alford, Debby Freiden, Doris Jones and Rita Parrish – thanks ya'll!) attended a Get Out The Vote (GOTV) seminar put on by the Greater Houston Council (GHC). At the seminar we heard from our new Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Chairman, Steve Munisteri, National Committee Woman and former TFRW president, 'Borah Van Dormolen, several of the area's county party chairmen, and members of the GHC. The main emphasis was the importance of encouraging everyone to go and vote – nothing new here.

One thing I learned came from 'Borah, and it concerned the governor's race. Aside from the fact that we "right" thinking people would like to see a Republican in the top state office, there are a few other perks from having your party's candidate in office. Did you know that the party of the person in the governor's office dictates the order of the names on the ballot in any general election? What this means is that, since we have a Republican governor, the first names listed on any general election ballot will be the Republican candidate. I know that this does not concern those of us who are informed and aware of who is running and for what they stand. However, I am sorry to say that not all voters are as informed. Often uneducated voters will check the first person on the list. Every little advantage helps!

Did you know that every precinct can have two chairmen - one Republican and one Democrat, and the party in the governor's office decides which of these chairmen gets to be the election judge? The election judge runs the polling place and the election. Now I would hope that anyone in the position of precinct chair would be honest and forthright and would not let anything shady or underhanded occur, but there have been stories of irregularities and most of them come from polling places in areas held by the other side. Again, every little advantage helps.

Finally, the governor has the power to make appointments to positions on state boards, commissions, and councils that carry out the laws and direct the policies of state gov



CFRW Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars!



October 12......CFRW Regular Meeting (10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill

October 21......CFRW Board Meeting (1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club

October 18-29.....Early Voting (Daily - Hours vary)

November 2......ELECTION DAY (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

ernment. Some of these boards and commissions are university regents, licensing commissions for real estate, appraisers, accountancy, the Bar, fire, health and medical. The governor also appoints replacements for state elected and judicial offices when vacancies occur before the term has expired. For a complete list check out http://governor.state.tx.us/appointments/positions/. There are about 3,000 of these appointees! The bottom line is if we don't keep a Republican in the governor's office, the other side will clean house and put in their appointees - appointees with the Democratic philosophy of bigger government, higher taxes, and fewer liberties.

I'm sure that you have read stories that are not so favorable to Governor Perry. You may not agree with all the things that have taken place within the state while he has been in office. There was a very contentious primary race, and many of you supported the other candidate. However, it is imperative that we continue to have a Republican in the governor's office! Voting for the other candidate or not voting at all would mean not only Mr. Perry loses, but the Republican Party loses as well.

Remember – **GO VOTE** – tell your friends, neighbors and family why you are voting the way you are. Strongly encourage them to **GO VOTE** too.

Mary Moss

The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter. ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower



OCTOBER MEETING



TUESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2010

PROGRAM

CANDIDATES FOR CFISD BOARD

Presentations and Q & A

Time: 10:30 A.M. - Coffee/Social 11:00 A.M. - Speakers/Meeting 12:30 P.M. - Lunch (note change)

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, OCTOBER 8, 2010
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CANDIDATES FOR CFISD BOARD



We are very happy to announce that our program for the October 12th meeting will be the candidates running for the Cy-Fair Independent School District Board. They will be on the November 2nd Ballot, so this would be a great time to hear them all speak and make your decision on who is best qualified to be elected to the school board. Since our space here is limited to a list of all the candidates and the position for which they will be running, please plan to attend this very interesting and informative meeting where you can learn more about the candidates in this important election.

Pos. #5 Dr. John Ogletree (i) Bill Henderson Pos. #6 Don Ryan (i) Brad West Kay Smith Pos. #7 Bob R. Covey (i) Scott Adams

(i) indicates the incumbent

We will allow each candidate four (4) minutes to speak and will follow with a question and answer period. This will also take a little longer than our regular meetings since we have so many candidates, so plan to take extra time out for this event.

~Rita Parrish



CFRW MEMBERS ARE INVITED...

Support Raging Elephants Thurs., Oct. 7 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cuellar home, 40 Doe Run Dr., The Woodlands

CFRW members are invited to meet and hear radio host Apostle Claver Kamau-Imani and support the Raging Elephants!

Birthday Fundraiser for Orlando Sanchez for Harris County Treasurer Tues., Oct. 12 - 6:30 p.m.
Blanco's, 3406 W. Alabama @ Buffalo Speedway

Orlando Sanchez has invited members of CFRW to be his guest at his birthday fundraiser. Enjoy Texas Bar-B-Que, cash bar and the sound of the Robert Ellis and the Boys Band! Help support Mr. Sanchez in his campaign for Harris County Treasurer! Please RSVP to info@orlandosanchez.com!

Congressman Michael McCaul Meet and Greet Sat., Oct. 23 – 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Romero's Las Brazos, 15703 Logenbaugh

Congressman Michael McCaul has invited the ladies of CFRW, their family and friends to a Meet and Greet at Romero's Las Brazos in the Copperfield area. Quesadillas, chips, queso and drinks will be provided. Attendees are welcomed to purchase a full lunch either before, after or during the function.

Please plan to come to meet and talk with the Congressman and hear what he has to say about this important time in our history. Congressman McCaul has been a good friend to CFRW, so let's show our support with a big turnout!





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN REGULAR MEETING September 14, 2010



President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 10:59 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 welcomed them. Rita Parrish introduced the speaker for September, Darcy Mingoia, Executive Director for the Lone Star College System Foundation. Ms. Mingoia spoke about the history and composition of the Lone Star College System and about the funding of scholarships.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, stated that no minutes were taken for the August Social.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, submitted a written report which indicated that the balance of funds as of June 31, 2010 was \$13,213.72. Deposits of \$1,372.00 and payments of \$1,260.78 were made during the month. This left a balance of \$13,324.94 as of August 31, 2010. The savings account for scholarships had a balance of \$1,101.56.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, stated that she had jellies, t-shirts and denim shirts, and cookbooks for sale.

Operation Interdependence Chair, Debby Frieden, passed out information on items needed by OI to send to our servicemen. Debby also asked for cash donations to help with the shipping costs.

Newsletter Editor, Betty Guthrie, stated that she had emailed copies of the September newsletters to all members, and she indicated that copies were on the table to take if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, stated that she had blank business cards for members to make their CFRW business cards. One sheet has ten blanks.

Since Lois Barclay was not present, Mary Moss passed around the Campaign Activities Sheet for members to report their hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

Betty Guthrie, Chairman of the By-laws and Standing Rules Committee, stated that she had sent copies of the proposed revisions to the Standing Rules to the membership. Rita Parrish made a motion that the revisions be accepted as proposed by the committee. Kay Waghorne seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Rita Parrish, Chairman of the Campaign Disbursement Committee, submitted a written report on our campaign contributions to Texas candidates. We spent a total of \$4,000.00 in contributions.

NEW BUSINESS:

The membership nominated five people to be on the Nominating Committee which will select the slate of new officers for the 2011-2012 tenure. The Nominating Committee will consist of Betty Collins, Pam Waldren, Suzanne Davis, Doris Jones and Debby Frieden. The committee will have the slate ready by the October meeting.

Members who wish to volunteer for the Christmas Party can sign the sheet Mary passed around. We will need a venue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, Sept. 21—GHC meeting & "GOTVWorkshop" 9 a.m.—Noon Monday, September 27—Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, October 12 - CFRW Regular Meeting at Carrabba's October 18-29, 2010—Early Voting





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Thursday, November 11, 2010—TFRW "Veterans" Day & Post-Election Celebration & Fundraiser—TFRW Headquarters, Austin, TX

Thursday, March 2, 2011—Legislative Day

Texas Speaker of the House, Joe Straus, is sponsoring a General Election Competition which covers the period April 14, 2010 through November 2, 2010. Medium-sized clubs will win \$1000 for 1st place, \$750 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place.

Kay Waghorne urged members to early vote or if over 65 absentee vote. A large amount of the county's voting machines were burned, and there will be less machines available at the November Election.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Doris Jones CFRW Secretary



CARING FOR AMERICA - Debby Frieden



LEARN TO KNIT OR CROCHET CAPS CFRW DONATES TO OUR TROOPS

A get-together to learn to knit or crochet caps for our troops will be held at Debby Frieden's home on **October 28**, **2010, at 10 a.m.** EASY TO LEARN! Contact Debby at debbyf@entouch.net or 281-225-6290, if you can join us.

DONATED ITEMS NEEDED FOR OPERATION INTERDEPENDENCE®

Operation Interdependence® serves America by providing the means for citizens to support our troops. Each box delivers small donated items to fifty (50) men and women in uniform. They should be lightweight and fit into a quart-sized zippered plastic bag. All food and items that go in the eyes, ears, nose and mouth must be safety sealed by the manufacturer. Here is a list of suggested items to donate:

- Lunch size packages of crackers, cookies, chips
- Sealed gum and candy (nothing twist wrapped)
- Powdered drink mixes Crystal Light, Kool-Aid packets, tea and coffee singles, hot cocoa mix
- Granola bars, packets of instant oatmeal
- Small individual size cereals
- Safety sealed lip balm, dental floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash
- Travel size tubes of sunblock, lotion, foot powder, petroleum jelly
- Travel size or motel size shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Small safety sealed Advil/Tylenol or any other OTC medications
- Small safety sealed contact lens solution and eye drops

Please take a few minutes to jot a note of appreciation and support to our troops as well. A note is included with each C-rat® that is packed. It will be greatly appreciated!





LEGISLATION - Dawn Shull



VOTE! VOTE! November 2 is around the corner and finally we get to let our voices be heard. Remember to vote early. Because of the serious damage to eSlate machines from the August fire, voting on Election Day may be slower than normal. Go to the Harris County Clerk's Office Web site to see a sample ballot and early voting information.²

Our duly elected representatives will face daunting issues³ when the 2011 Texas Legislative Session begins in January. Among them are the following issues:

- A budget deficit of up to \$18 billion dollars
- Balancing the state budget which will require major spending reductions and some new means of revenue
- Redistricting according to the 2010 census figures
- How to implement federally required changes in health care
- Whether to pass an Arizona style immigration bill and or reintroduce the Voter ID bill
- Scrutiny of 28 state agencies which may have to be reformed or eliminated

In the October issue of Texas Monthly ⁴ Paul Burka has written a provocative article detailing how, to make up this \$18 billion budget shortfall, he "opened my copy of the 988-page budget, grabbed a red pencil, and went to work". Among the spending reductions he advocates the following changes: eliminate the Railroad Commission, Department of Agriculture, the Public Utility Commission and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; scale back administrative costs in our school districts from the 2009 level (7.6 students to staff employee) to the 2006 level (7.9 students per staff employee); delay purchase of new textbooks; reduce the merit pay program for teachers; get rid of "special items" for state colleges/universities; cut the budgets of state agencies by five to ten percent. As for new revenue he recommends the following: introduce casino gambling; increase all state fees, fines, licenses and penalties by twenty percent; withdraw money from the state's Rainy Day Fund. Whether you agree with his proposals or not, he certainly brings to light what a Herculean task Texas is facing.

What effect is the Tea Party having on the G.O.P. and the November elections? Nate Silver discusses this issue very thoroughly in his September New York Times article "Assessing the G.O.P. and the Tea Party". He describes the Tea Party as "a complex movement that is hard enough to define, let alone to evaluate." He includes detailed tables showing the chances of one party taking over a House, Senate or Governor seat in various states. He says there is an 82% chance that Democrats will retain at least 50 seats in the Senate and a 35% chance that they will hold on to at least 218 seats in the House.

¹http://www.harrisvotes.com/Sample b/SampleBallot ENG.pdf

²http://www.harrisvotes.com/docs/EV/earlyvotinglocations schedule ENG.pdf

3http://www.mcginnislaw.com/professional.php?id=101

4http://www.texasmonthly.com/2010-10-01/feature3.php

5http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/09/20/assessing-the-g-o-p-and-the-tea-party/









CAMPAIGN ACTIVITES - Lois Barclay



It is time again for Lone Star College-Cy Fair's **Cy-Fest** community event to take place on **Saturday, October 9**. The event will be held at LSC-Cy-Fair at the Barker Cypress Campus on West Rd. CFRW members are setting up a Voter's Registration table from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** We would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help. You do not need to be a Deputized Voter Registrar, as one will be present to sign forms. If you can help for the entire time or for just an hour, your help will be appreciated. Hopefully, the weather will be great and the company even better! Contact me at loisbarclay@att.net or 281-370-7715.

Also on **Saturday, October 9**, a **Governor Parry Home Headquarters Roundup** will be held at G.O.P. headquarters at **3311 Richmond Ave., Suite 218, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to call Houston area voters to recruit them to join the Governor's grassroots network by reminding them to re-elect Governor Perry! Bring your cell phone and your charger. Volunteer an hour or the day. You may also participate at home by recruiting voters using telephone numbers provided by the Campaign. **RSVP** by contacting Bekah Hotze at <u>bekahhotze@rickperry.org</u> or 713-882-8833 or Elyse Derian at <u>elysederian@rickperry.org</u> or 858-722-8653.

CFRW has received a request to help at the Bear Creek Early Voting location on Tuesday, October 19 at the Bear Creek Park Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Dr.@Patterson Rd. You may sign up at the October CFRW meeting or by contacting Lois.

A request has come from Rep. Patricia Harless' Campaign for volunteers to man the **Early Voting** location at **Lone Star College campus at SH 249@Louetta Rd. on Thursday, October 21 and/or Saturday, October 23.** If you have some free hours and would like to volunteer, contact Sue Ann Lurcott at slurcott@flash.net.

*Lois reminds members to keep track of the time they spend (including travel time) volunteering for campaign and election activities. Please notify Lois of the volunteer time you have accrued.



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



I would like to extend a great big "Welcome!" to our four new members: **Joyce Berube, Joan Hudgens, Amanda Pepe,** and **Marie Remik**. We were delighted to have several guests from Fairfield at our September meeting. Ladies, we hope to see you next month as new members. Several of you also brought friends; please keep encouraging them to join.

The new magic number is <u>"4"</u> and we will have met our 2010 Membership Goal. Remember that you can join in September and October for only \$17.00. Continue to bring your friends and neighbors to our October meeting and help us meet our goal.

The 2011 memberships can be paid starting in November. Help us out by paying your dues early. Please fill out a new application when renewing your membership, so that all of our information can be updated. There is an application in each newsletter, so you can print it ahead of time and turn it in at the meetings. Applications can also be mailed to Joy Gregory at 18219 Waverly Bend Ln, Cypress, TX 77433.





WAYS & MEANS - Dr. Millie Alford



Fall is on its way, and it is a good time for reflections. As I look back on this year for Cy-Fair Republican Women, I see a Success Story. We can attribute our success to each person who holds an office, a chair, or serves on a committee, and every member who attends and offers suggestions and ideas for our organization. If we consider the great programs we enjoy, the increase in membership, the monthly reminders, the great get-togethers, a sound patriotic showing, great publicity, acknowledgement to our Lord's will in our public and private lives, a clear record of our activities, the balance of our finances, the great leadership we have, (along with all those fun fundraisers), campaign involvement, and active participation in all elections, we see why CFRW is one of the Movers and Shakers of the Republican Women in Texas.

Our CFRW roots run deep into the heart of Texas politics. I am thrilled to see candidates on television or read about people I've met personally and know that we've supported them with our time, talents and funds. We've even become active with some national candidates, and I'm sure I get a little cocky when friends and family ask me what I think about candidates or ideology. I'm always ready to share, but now, after being a part of CFRW, I am more prepared.

We can't just sit on our laurels; we must be ready for the future. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in serving in a position in CFRW to consider 2nd VP Ways & Means. It is an opportunity to help raise funds for an organization that upholds traditional Republican values and encourages education and involvement of other women who value American justice and patriotism. The past two years have offered me many opportunities to learn and participate in activities that I believe help me be a better citizen. I believe I have gained confidence and knowledge of the overall political system, and I am more likely to share with others and "enlighten" all those non-Republicans who cross my path. Knowing that others are always there to help me is a factor to my willingness to hold any office. I can't give enough thanks to Mary and Kay who are always there to give me help and advice. It will certainly be my pleasure to help whoever takes over Ways & Means next term. All of us work together for the good of CFRW. Ask yourself, "How can I serve CFRW next term?"

Now, back to fundraising! We still have our Peter Barnes books, our CFRW Cookbooks, our red t-shirts, denim shirts, and few jars of jam. Remember that our items will make great Christmas, hostess and birthday gifts. I urge each member to purchase a red t-shirt and a denim shirt. Hopefully, we will be making lots of public appearances as we work for the election and re-election of our chosen candidates. Legislative Day in Austin is in March, and it will be here before we know it. So don't delay if you don't have your shirts. Call or email me, and I'll bring the shirts to the next meeting. mcaphd@yahoo.com -713-466-0731.

SAVE NOW! 2010 Dues are just \$17!



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 Mis	s - Dr Mr Other Title		[2]		
Name:		Nick	name:		
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Spouse:		Precinct #	Birthday:	Birthday:	
Occupation: (Required under PAC laws)			Official or Candidate (Position	on)	

For more information and for mailing address. Contact Membership Chairman: 281-463-8203

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Cy-Fair Republican Women



SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Doris Jones



Doris Jones is a native Houstonian who has been married to her husband, Lindell, for 48 years. Lindell worked for Exxon Corp., and he was transferred to Long Beach, California in 1968. While there, Doris attended Santa Ana College and graduated magna cum laude with her A. A. degree as a Legal Assistant. After their move back to Houston in 1977, she worked in the Houston area as a legal assistant throughout the late '70s and '80s. She attended the University of Houston while working full time and graduated magna cum laude with a B. A. in English. Her experience in the legal field has a strong emphasis in Family and Criminal Law.

Lindell and Doris went into the grocery business in 1977 as the owners of a convenience store in Spring Branch. They had the store for twenty-four years and retired in 2001. They have three children, Tamara, Adam and Alan (twin boys). Tamara and her brother, Alan, live in the Houston area, and Adam lives in DeBary, Florida. All three children work in the lawn care industry. Adam is Vice-President of Massey Services in Orlando, Florida. Alan is president of Southern Exposures Landscaping in Houston. Tamara is the owner of Southern Exteriors, a chemical applications company in Waller, Texas. All three children are Republicans!

Doris has nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She spends time with them by taking them to dance class/recitals, basketball practice/games, gymnastics practice/meets, football practice/games, and anything else that comes up. Her granddaughter, Tara, (21 yrs) will graduate in 2011 from Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. Tara is a member of the Republican group at her school and votes Republican. Grandson, Jayre (24), graduated from Emory University in April, 2010. (Jayre is also a Republican).

Doris has a Certificate of Completion from the Houston School of Floral Design and enjoys making floral arrangements—live and artificial—for family and friends.

Doris was introduced to CFRW by CFRW member, Phyllis Kyd. Doris felt a strong need to attempt to leave her grandchildren with a legacy of a strong sense of moral purpose and principles. She felt the Republican Party would assist her in doing that. She had always been an Independent voter, thinking that one should vote for the person and not the political party. However, due to the erosion of the principles of this country, she has decided to attempt to "plug the holes in the dike" by joining CFRW. Doris took on the job of Secretary in May, 2009. She loves working with the women of CFRW, and hopes to become a better member as she learns from others.

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



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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.

<u>http://www.texaspolicy.com/</u> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<u>http://www.sos.state.tx.us</u> – Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments.