



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2010

A Minute with Mary



It is now approximately two months or eight weeks or 56 days away from the November General Election. Time is running short for us to act to insure that Republicans regain the majority in the local, state and federal houses. There are many things that we, as Republican Women, should and can do to help this cause.

First and foremost, we need to talk to our friends, neighbors and family (not just here in Houston, but around the state and nation) about the great Republican candidates. We need to stress that these are the candidates that will fight for lower taxes, smaller government, and less intrusion in our lives. We also need to emphasize that even if you do not agree with a candidate on 100% of the issues why vote for someone with whom you agreed on very little? Greater Houston Council (GHCFRW) is hosting a "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) workshop on Tuesday, September 21. This will be a great opportunity to learn more ways to get the word out to go and vote. (See more information later in the newsletter).

The slate of candidates that is on our ballot is very long – 99+ candidates including federal, state, judicial, and local candidates. We need to stress to our friends and neighbors that they vote the entire ballot. We don't want to lose anymore good Republicans that are down the ballot because it took too much effort to go through the entire ballot. A great solution is to vote "straight ticket". You can remind people that with one stroke they can vote for all the Republicans on the ballot. One point you may remind your friends and family of – there are some non-partisan races (i.e., school board races) at the end of the ballot that you will have to process separately if you vote a straight ticket.

If you want a part of the action, work for a candidate! Campaigns are expensive and any volunteer help – stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, block walking, poll watching – is always welcomed. Remember, any hour



CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



September 6.....Labor Day

September 14.....CFRW Regular Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba's Italian Grill

September 21GHCFRW "GOTV" Workshop
(9:30 a.m.) SOSA Center

September 23.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club

you spend counts towards TFRW/NFRW awards for CFRW. One way to help many candidates is sign up to be on the statewide "Victory Texas" phone bank. I sent this information via email a few weeks ago. Basically, you can sign up and make calls through your computer from your own home, on your own schedule, at no cost to you. As an incentive to participate in the "Victory Texas" program, organizers are keeping track of the time spent making calls and at the end of each month the top 10 volunteers will receive a \$100 Visa gift card, and the next 40 will receive a \$25 Visa gift card. There will be grand prize to the top volunteer of either a Ruger pistol or a 3 carat, blue topaz necklace. For details and to sign up, log on to www.victorytexas.org.

Throughout the history of our great nation, many people have fought long and hard to secure our right to vote. To honor those that have gone before us, we need to exercise our rights, go to the polls, cast our ballot, and let our opinion be heard.

Mary Moss

It's not the hand that signs the laws that holds the destiny of America. It's the hand that casts the ballot.

~ Harry S. Truman



SEPTEMBER MEETING



**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

PROGRAM

JAMES GRACE, JR.

**Attorney-at-Law
Baker Botts LLP**

**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: House Salad
Bread
Chicken Bryan
Zucchini
Dessert Rosa**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

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

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010**

**Online at www.cfrw.net,
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or
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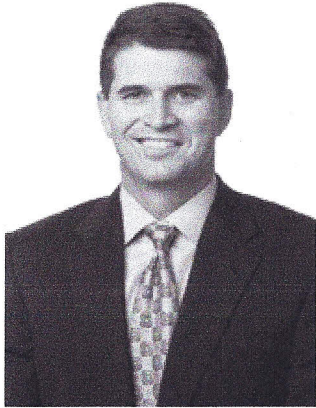
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JAMES GRACE, JR.



Our speaker this month is attorney James Grace Jr. of the law firm of Baker Botts LLP, where he is chair of Baker Botts' Texas government relations section. Mr. Grace counsels clients on corporate and government relations matters, and advises federal and state political action committees on compliance with campaign finance laws. He has extensive experience in a wide range of legal, governmental, and political matters, having served as both an in-house counsel and private-practicing lawyer. He also has actively participated in a wide range of federal, state, and local political campaigns.

Prior to joining Baker Botts LLP, Mr. Grace served as director of Texas State Relations and senior counsel for CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Before serving in an in-house counsel capacity, he was a member of a Houston-based law firm where his practice concentrated on merger and acquisition transactions, securities offerings, and general corporate matters for companies involved in oil and gas exploration and production; oilfield and energy services; natural gas liquid processing; propane and heating oil; and chemical production and distribution.

Mr. Grace was commissioned an officer in the United States Navy by the President of the United States and currently serves with a reserve unit.

Jim Grace graduated from Notre Dame in 1989 with a B.A. in History and then graduated from the University of Houston Law Center, cum laude, in 1992. He was recognized by *Law & Politics* as a "Texas Rising Star", 2004 – 2005, named a "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by *H Texas*, 2004, and named one of five Outstanding Young Houstonians by the Houston Jaycees in 2006.

Mr. Grace will be speaking on issues that will be addressed in the upcoming Legislative Session, so please plan to attend this very informative meeting.

~Rita Parrish



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



EIGHT, only eight more new members needed, and we will reach our goal for 2010!!! I know that we can round up at least eight more friends and neighbors in order to reach our goal. Put your thinking caps on and bring a guest to our September meeting.

We now have 73 voting members, 17 dual members and 7 men. Welcome to our new members **Marcia Jackson, Linda Marley, Dawn Rieke** and **Kay Smith**. We're looking forward to having you in our club and working with us on the upcoming elections.

Membership dues for those joining CFRW from September 1st until December 31st (end of the 2010 fiscal year) are \$17.00. A membership application is included in the newsletter. Please mail the application and your check to Joy Gregory. All checks should be made to CFRW (Cy-Fair Republican Women).





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN SOCIAL
August 10, 2010



CFRW had no business meeting and, therefore, no minutes were taken by the Secretary. Roger Williams gave an inspiring speech which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Doris Jones
CFRW Secretary

Save the Date!

GOTV WORKSHOP

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is hosting a GOTV ("Get Out The Vote") Workshop on Tuesday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m. until noon at their new meeting location - SOSA Center, 1414 Wirt Road.

The 2010 elections have been called the most important elections of our lifetime. Please mark you calendars and plan on attending. Let's find out the best way to make some "changes" of our own! See the flyer included in the newsletter.



WAYS & MEANS - Dr. Millie Alford



As summer comes to an end (surely it will), and we get ready for Fall, we approach the end of our year with lots of success stories. We have sold many items and added to our CFRW treasury. We still have available for sale our Peter Barnes books, our CFRW Cookbooks, our red t-shirts, denim shirts, and, yes, a few jars of jam. We also have a few pins to remind those we meet that we are supporters of the *Conservative* party...not the *Spend it ALL* party.

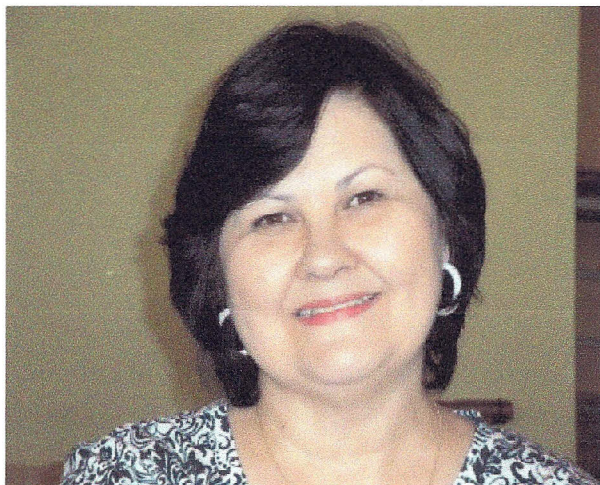
Our items will make great Christmas and birthday gifts. Every member should have a red t-shirt and a denim shirt to wear proudly on occasions in public. We will be making lots of public appearances as we work for the election and re-election of our chosen candidates, so don't delay ordering if you don't have your shirts. Call or e-mail me, and I'll be happy to supply your shirt needs. Contact me at mcaphd@yahoo.com or 713-466-0731.

We will all be working diligently as November edges closer. Just a word about the upcoming slate of new officers: If you're eager to help and become active as an Executive Board Officer or Committee Chairman, I highly encourage you to do so. Being the 2nd VP-Ways & Means has been a great experience. I will be happy to lend a hand to whoever takes this position for the next couple of years. It is an awesome way to serve your local organization, your state, and your country. Almost everything we do requires money. Working toward building our bank account on the grassroots level and watching it work is very rewarding. There will be many opportunities to serve. I urge you to meet the challenges. You'll be very glad you did.





SPOTLIGHT ON CFRW MEMBER...Dr. Millie Alford



Millie Alford was born in deep East Texas and married her childhood sweetheart, Rick, 39 years ago. They have two sons, Brandon and Brian, and a daughter, Ashley. Brandon is a Captain in the Air Force and is a Weapons Instructor in the Space & Missiles Program at Nellis AFB. He is married to Cara-Lee and they have two cats. Brian is a Lieutenant with a Federal Security Agency in Dallas and is married. They have a son, Caleb, 2 ½. Ashley is a Speech Pathologist and is married to Corp. Steven Brodie who is in the Marine Reserves and, currently, a Probation Officer in Waco. They have Madison, 2 ½, and Gabriel, 1. Millie travels from Houston to Waco to Dallas to East Texas to visit her children and her 90-year-old mother. Her family is her most prized possession and she loves spending time with all of them. She and Rick are members of Second Baptist Church. She is also a member of the Lone Star Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and volunteers with MS Walks each year.

Millie graduated with a BS in Psychology from the University of Houston and worked in banking for several years. She began teaching when her children entered school. She received her MA in Education from Texas A & M University-Commerce and her Doctorate in Education from Berne University International Graduate School. She has been an educator for over 30 years, teaching Language Arts and Dance/Drill in middle school and education courses at Lone Star College. She has finished her coursework and is currently working on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in Psychology with plans to graduate from Walden University in December.

Millie loves to travel. She has traveled to many foreign countries and has visited every state in the United States. Millie joined Cy-Fair Republican Women four years ago and has held the office of Legislative Liaison and is currently 2nd Vice President-Ways & Means. She has taken part in Legislative Day in Austin and has worked in several elections. She proudly served as a convention delegate. She is actively involved in TFRW and served as Vendor Chair at the 2009 State Convention in Galveston. She is currently on the Site Committee for the 2012 State Convention.

Millie is proud of her membership in CFRW and is thankful for the opportunities she has been given to learn and to work with the great members of CFRW and The Republican Party.

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

John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever, gathering at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone".

Quotes of wisdom from Thomas Jefferson:

"To subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."





CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Lois Barclay



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS' 2010 "PARTY BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM"

Please take a look at the information e-mailed to you regarding a General Election Competition "PARTY BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM" which Hon. Joe Straus, Texas Speaker of the House, is sponsoring for TFRW chapters. (It can also be viewed on the TFRW Web site www.tfrw.org.) This is a way for us to help the Party and also increase our checking account. Although this program started on April 14, please don't hesitate to include all events in which you have participated from that date to the present. Continue to keep track of and record all volunteer hours until November 2, the 2010 General Election Day.

As you can see, there are different categories. Please send me the number of volunteer hours you have accumulated in each category, and I will total them for the club and forward them on.

We are in the Large Club Category and are eligible to win from \$750 to \$1250. These funds will help us increase CFRW contributions to candidates, scholarships and help Republicans working to better our country.

Thanks in advance for your help.

SAVE NOW! 2010 Dues are just \$17 until December 31st!



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

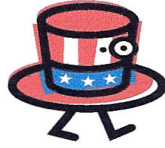
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GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL GOTV WORKSHOP



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

9:30 a.m. – Noon

SOSA CENTER

1414 Wirt Road

Houston 77055

2010

“THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN OUR LIFETIME”

(Handouts Provided)

State of the Republican Party in Texas

Steve Munisteri, RPT Chair

National Impact of the 2010 Election

‘Borah Van Dormolen, Texas National Committeewoman

The 2010 Texas Election – Critical for Redistricting

Melinda Fredericks, RPT Vice Chair

Council's Nine County Republican Party Chairs*

Kaye Goolsby, GHC Liaison to County Chairs

***(make sure you get there early to visit with them)**

“10 in 2010”

Marie Maggio, GHC GOTV Chair

Victory Texas 2010

Judy Parada, GHC 1st VP

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invites you to a

MEET & GREET RECEPTION

with

State Representative Allen Fletcher

District 130

State Representative Patricia Harless

District 126

State Representative Debbie Riddle

District 150

Tuesday, September 7

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Los Cucos Mexican Café

22390 SH249 (Tomball Pkwy) @ Spring Cypress Rd

Houston, TX 77070

For more information, go to www.harriscountygop.com
or call 713-838-7900

*Stop by and share your thoughts about the issues
that concern you and what they can do
to best serve you in Austin. All are welcome!*

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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.