



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
December 2005

Jan's Jottings

It is hard to believe, but we are already in the midst of another holiday season. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and manage to take the time during this busy time of year to stop and savor those special times with your loved ones. I also hope you are able to squeeze in time for our own Christmas celebration on December 16. I know our committee is working to ensure that it will be an event not to be missed! Don't forget to send in your reservations.



Our last meeting with Susan Combs as our guest speaker was a great success. Susan has done a great job as our State Agriculture Commissioner and everyone enjoyed her talk which covered the growing importance of water issues and the efforts and progress to improve the food in school for our children so as to help address some of the staggering health issues arising from the epidemic of childhood obesity. We very much appreciate her taking the time to speak to our new club.

It may be the holidays, but, we cannot forget the important issues that are facing our country. When Rita Parrish, Kay Waghorne and I were at the TFRW convention, I was very pleased to hear from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison when she spoke to us about the strong passion and support she has for our efforts in Iraq and for the troops. When she emphasized the importance of accomplishing our mission there she received the largest applause of her speech. She said that she would go back and tell the President what drew the largest response. Your voices are being heard.

If poll numbers are to be believed, the "bad news press" is taking a toll on even Republican support. As the Democrats and the press attempt to rewrite history and repeat the totally false charges that our President "lied us into war" people begin believing it. (Here is just one of many websites that list and refute some of these tiresome, false charges - <http://>



CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



December 16 Friday 7 pm CFRW Christmas Party

January 10 Tuesday Morning CFRW Meeting
Place and Topic TBA

February 4 TFRW Leadership Workshop
Austin, TX

March 8 Primary Election

www.theamericanenterprise.org/issues/articleID.18837/article_detail.asp.) I know that I am "preaching to the choir", but I also know that since you all do stay informed, it is important that you go out and let your voices and support be heard. You can change minds one person at a time. This is a war that we must not lose, but we could lose if we do not stay united and supportive and fail to think about the consequences of a loss. Over 4,000 people have been killed in terrorist attacks against Americans here and abroad since early 1980. This will only increase if we do not win. I believe those that are critical of the war effort simply do not understand the loss of freedom and our lifestyle that we would face or appreciate the damage that it causes by giving the impression that we are divided and weakening. Again, you can make a difference.

During this Christmas season, give your loved ones a hug and remember how important it is to work to protect their and our country's future for them and for generations to follow.

Merry Christmas to you all and see you at the party on the 16th!



MINUTES

November 16, 2005

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The luncheon meeting was called to order by president, Jan Ott, at 10:00 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club.

Guests and new members were introduced. The October general meeting minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was given with a reminder that 2006 dues will be due in January. Upon payment of dues, members will receive the new membership books. To-date membership is 49.

Stephanie DeHondt would welcome any program suggestions.

CFRW club meeting announcements continue to run in neighborhood newspapers. Kay Waghorne is forming a committee to organize a spring fashion show. Solicitation letters for membership book ads will be mailed next week.

The court reporter for the October candidate forum will put the CFRW logo on every page of any transcripts ordered. Some orders have already been made.

If anyone cannot access the newsletter on-line, please contact Dawn Shull, so that it can be mailed.

Please report all campaign volunteer hours, poll worker hours, etc. to Rita Parrish. The state senatorial candidates are looking for volunteers. Their campaign headquarters' addresses will be put on the CFRW web page. The primary will be held March 8, followed by precinct meetings.

Invitations to the December 16, Christmas party have been mailed. There will be no regular meeting in December. The community services chair, Mika Spears, has asked that we bring international calling cards to the party to be sent on to service men and women via Operation Interdependence. OI is also currently collecting cold weather items to be placed in the quart-sized baggy packages. It was suggested we help with the Boys and Girls Country spring fundraiser, which is a festival held at their Hockley location.

Rita Parrish and Kay Waghorne, delegates, gave reports on the Texas State Republican Women's Club convention held in Corpus Christi November 11-13.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 followed by the guest speaker, Susan Combs, candidate for state comptroller and current agriculture commissioner.

Submitted by,

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EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY!

Join us for our first annual

Cy-Fair Republican Women's Christmas Party

Friday, December 16, 2005, 7:00 pm
at Jan Ott's home

7903 Alamar, Houston, Texas 77095

We will have lots of Food, Fun and Prizes
Beverages will include Beer and Wine .

We are still collecting donations for Operation
Interdependence. Please bring a
Phone Card, that can be used internationally, for one
of our lonely soldiers overseas.

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 5TH

(281) 859-6464

The cost is only \$25 or \$50 per couple.
Please send your check, (made payable to CFRW) to:
Jan Ott
7903 Alamar
Houston, TX 77095



NEWS AND NOTES



Ways and Means: : Membership Books will be distributed at the January meeting to those members who have paid their 2006 dues. Ad solicitations were mailed out on November 22 to Elected Officials. We hope to have a good reply. "High Tea and High Heels," our next fund raiser will be a spring fashion show. A Committee is now forming to plan the event. Please contact Kay Waghorne – 281-550-1723 if you wish to help.



Campaign Activities: All of our club members who have volunteered their time working on campaign activities should report the hours and types of jobs in which they have participated. Only report hours pertaining to non-paid political activities. Report your hours to Rita Parrish at reparrish@hotmail.com. If you have any questions about what kinds of jobs qualify to be counted towards volunteer hours earned please e-mail me and I'll do my best to get you the information.



Miscellaneous

Don't forget to show your appreciation to our troops this Christmas season. Operation Interdependence is trying to ensure that our troops are included in the holiday giving. As a gift of appreciation and thanks, we are collecting the following items at our Christmas party on Friday, December 16:



International phone cards

Cash donations

Hand/foot warmers

Individually sealed tea bags, hot chocolate packets, etc.

And most importantly, a hand-written letter with a holiday wish expressed.

Remember, whatever you contribute needs to be able to fit in a sandwich-sized baggie and be individually sealed.

The men and women overseas really need to know that even in this busy holiday season, we are still thinking of them and their comfort and their need to know that they are priceless in the war on terror.
Thanks!



HOW DOES TEXAS COMPARE?



Texas rankings compared to other states:

State govt spending per capita: 50 (lowest)
Total tax burden per capita: 45
Outstanding govt debt: 46
State personal income tax rate: 50
State corporate income tax rate: 50
State property tax rate: 50
State tax revenue per capita: 49
Legislator pay: 42
Cost of living: 43
Small business survival: 11
Economic freedom: 7
State product exports: 1
Business tax climate: 4
Personal income per capita: 3rd of the 15 biggest states
Teacher pay adjusted for cost of living: Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas rank 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of America's ten largest cities

As the Democrats like to accuse President BUSH of lying and that he misled us into war, consider some of these quotes from the Congressional Record.

"If Saddam rejects peace and we have to use force, our purpose is clear. We want to seriously diminish the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program." - President Clinton, Feb. 17, 1998

"Iraq is a long way from [the USA], but what happens there matters a great deal here. For the risks that the leaders of a rogue state will use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against us or our allies is the greatest security threat we face." - Madeline Albright, Feb. 18, 1998

"He will use those weapons of mass destruction again, as he has ten times since 1983." - Sandy Berger, Clinton National Security Adviser, Feb. 18, 1998

"[W]e urge you, after consulting with Congress, and consistent with the US Constitution and laws, to take necessary actions (including, if appropriate, air and missile strikes on suspect Iraqi sites) to respond effectively to the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs." - Letter to President Clinton, signed by Senators Carl Levin, Tom Daschle, John Kerry, and others Oct. 9, 1998

"Saddam Hussein has been engaged in the development of weapons of mass destruction technology which is a threat to countries in the region and he has made a mockery of the weapons inspection process." - Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D, CA), Dec. 16, 1998

"Hussein has ... chosen to spend his money on building weapons of mass destruction and palaces for his cronies." - Madeline Albright, Clinton Secretary of State, Nov. 10, 1999

"There is no doubt that ... Saddam Hussein has invigorated his weapons programs. Reports indicate that biological, chemical and nuclear programs continue apace and may be back to pre-Gulf War status. In addition, Saddam continues to redefine delivery systems and is doubtless using the cover of a licit missile program to develop longer-range missiles that will threaten the United States and our allies." - Letter to President Bush, Signed by Sen. Bob Graham (D, FL,) and others, December 5, 2001

"We begin with the common belief that Saddam Hussein is a tyrant and a threat to the peace and stability of the region. He has ignored the mandate of the United Nations and is building weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering them." - Sen. Carl Levin (D, MI), Sept. 19, 2002

"We know that he has stored secret supplies of biological and chemical weapons throughout his country." - Al Gore, Sept. 23, 2002

"Iraq's search for weapons of mass destruction has proven impossible to deter and we should assume that it will continue for as long as Saddam is in power." - Al Gore, Sept. 23, 2002

"We have known for many years that Saddam Hussein is seeking and developing weapons of mass destruction." - Sen. Ted Kennedy (D, MA), Sept. 27, 2002

"The last UN weapons inspectors left Iraq in October of 1998. We are confident that Saddam Hussein retains some stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, and that he has since embarked on a crash course to build up his chemical and biological warfare capabilities. Intelligence reports indicate that he is seeking nuclear weapons..." - Sen. Robert Byrd (D, WV), Oct. 3, 2002

"There is unmistakable evidence that Saddam Hussein is working aggressively to develop nuclear weapons and will likely have nuclear weapons within the next five years ... We also should remember we have always underestimated the progress Saddam has made in development of weapons of mass destruction." - Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D, WV), Oct 10, 2002

"In the four years since the inspectors left, intelligence reports show that Saddam Hussein has worked to rebuild his chemical and biological weapons stock, his missile delivery capability, and his nuclear program. He has also given aid, comfort, and sanctuary to terrorists, including al Qaeda members . It is clear, however, that if left unchecked, Saddam Hussein will continue to increase his capacity to wage biological and chemical warfare, and will keep trying to develop nuclear weapons." - Sen. Hillary Clinton (D, NY), Oct 10, 2002

"We are in possession of what I think to be compelling evidence that Saddam Hussein has, and has had for a number of years, a developing capacity for the production and storage of weapons of mass destruction." - Sen. Bob Graham (D, FL), Dec. 8, 2002

"Without question, we need to disarm Saddam Hussein. He is a brutal, murderous dictator, leading an oppressive regime ... He presents a particularly grievous threat because he is so consistently prone to miscalculation ... And now he is miscalculating America's response to his continued deceit and his consistent grasp for weapons of mass destruction ... So the threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real ..." - Sen. John F. Kerry (D, MA), Jan. 23. 2003

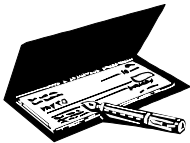
SO NOW THE DEMOCRATS SAY PRESIDENT BUSH LIED, THAT THERE NEVER WERE ANY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND HE TOOK US TO WAR FOR HIS OIL BUDDIES???





WELCOME NEW CFRW MEMBERS!
Joined November 2005

Carol Baker
 Elizabeth Mitchell
 Janet Sheffield



DUES

Dues are due January 1. You may mail a check for \$25 (\$17 for dual member) made out to *Cy-Fair Republican Women* to:

Max Prezbindowski
 17806 Rocky Cliff Ct
 Houston, Texas 77095

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Occupation _____

Information Changes (address, email, phone): _____

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Texas Federation of Republican Women
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CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN
7903 ALAMAR
HOUSTON, TX 77095

Important links:

<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<http://thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

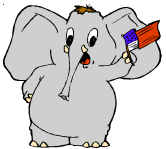
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

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

<http://www.ghcrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

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



Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. ~Washington Irving

