



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

November 2005

Jan's Jottings



It is headline news, "Cy-Fair Republican Women hosts Senate candidate forum"! That was the front page top story of the 1960 Sun Champion and the Copperfield Sun. The October 11 forum for the Republican candidates for Senatorial District 7 was a huge success. Congratulations everyone for your help in putting this event together. We appreciate the candidates, Representative Peggy Hamric, Dan Patrick, Councilman Mark Ellis, and Representative Joe Nixon, for participating and giving the large crowd some insight into their positions. One of the objectives of our club is "to promote an informed electorate through political education". I would say - "Job well done"!

The busy campaign season is definitely already in full swing. I hope that each of you will take the opportunity to be involved in some way. If you would like to do something but don't know what or how, Rita Parrish, our Campaign Activities Chairman, has some requests for help from some candidates. Remember, to keep track of your volunteer campaign hours and then turn them in to Rita. The time you spent on the candidate forum counts - so make sure it gets reported. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to learn more and participate in the political process.

We have another great meeting coming up in November. We are very fortunate to have Susan Combs joining us to speak to our group. This will be an excellent meeting for you to invite a couple of your friends to come with you and also learn more about our club. While you are marking your calendar, don't forget to also save room in your busy holiday schedule for CFRW's first annual Christmas party on the evening of December 16. If you would like to help with the holiday fun, call Mary Atchison to sign up for the Christmas party committee. Rita Parrish, Kay Waghorne, and I are looking forward to going to Corpus Christi to represent our club as delegates at the TFRW Convention on November 11. We will give you a full report at our meeting on the 16th. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you then.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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| November 8 | Special Election Day |
| November 4 | Last Day for Early Voting |
| November 10 | TXDOT Townhall Meeting 7pm
Labay Middle School: Hwy6/529 Overpass Project |
| November 11-13 | TFRW Convention, Corpus Christi |
| November 16 (Wednesday) | CFRW Meeting, 9:30am |
| December 16 (Friday) | CFRW Christmas Party, 7 pm |



WELCOME NEW CFRW MEMBERS!

September

Betty Phelan Collins
Michelene Hutson
Cheryl Mills
Brenda Petru
Lanita Weisinger

October

Millie Alford
Carol Baer



MINUTES
October 2005
CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Minutes for October 11, 2005 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president, Jan Ott, at 6:55 p.m. at Prime Time Steak House.

The September general meeting minutes were approved following a motion by Mary Atchison. There was no treasurer's report available.

Representative Corbin Van Arsdale, District 130, was thanked for providing a court reporter and sound system for the night's candidate forum.

Because of the TFRW Convention to be held Nov. 11-13 in Corpus Christi, the November meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16. The meeting will be at Hearthstone Country Club at 9:30 a.m., and will feature Susan Combs, candidate for state comptroller and current agriculture commissioner.

Mika Spears will be our Community Services Committee chair. The CFRW web page is up and running. The website will have a members only section, accessible by a member's e-mail address. Four radio stations and local papers are running P.S.A.'s about our candidate forum.

Our enrollment is currently 34 regular members.

Barbara Larson, candidate for State Representative District 133, was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10, followed by a Texas State Senate District 7 candidate forum. The candidates attending were Peggy Hamric, Dan Patrick, Mark Ellis, and Joe Nixon. Mika Spears gave the invocation followed by the pledges to start the forum.

Submitted by,
 Kitty Berger, Secretary CFRW



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UPCOMING
CFRW CHRISTMAS PARTY
 FRIDAY DECEMBER 16 7:00PM
 HOME OF JAN OTT
 7903 ALAMAR, HOUSTON 77095
 \$25 PER PERSON
 DOOR PRIZES
 BEER/WINE/TEA
 HORS D'OEUVRES
 RSVP BY MONDAY DECEMBER 12



**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

Hearthstone Country Club

7615 Ameswood Road

9:30a.m. Social 9:45a.m. Meeting

10:30 a.m. Susan Combs

Lunch to follow

\$15 each with lunch \$3 each without lunch

**PLEASE RSVP by November 14 to Jan at
J.ott@wcthou.com or 281-859-6464**



We are honored to have Susan Combs as our speaker this month. Susan is currently Texas Agriculture Commissioner and is a candidate for Texas Comptroller.

Susan was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 2004 for her dedication and commitment to providing healthy foods for Texas schools and for her high-profile efforts to enhance rural economic development. In June 2004, she was invited to participate in the Time-ABC News Summit on Obesity, where she was recognized for her work to promote better nutrition in Texas schools and named one of six national heroes in the fight against obesity. Combs also has worked tirelessly to ensure that Mexico repaid its water debt to Texas.

Commissioner Combs was born in San Antonio, Texas, and has a cow-calf operation in Brewster County on the same ranch established by her great-grandfather more than a century ago. Susan Combs resides in Austin with her husband Joe and their three sons.

Who She is....

- Proven conservative and leader on statewide issues important to Texas
- First Woman ever elected Texas Agriculture Commissioner
- Oversees \$2 billion state-agency budget
- Trimmed personnel in 6 years by 8%
- Reduced state agency budget
- Created or retained 6,000 jobs through economic development
- Former Prosecutor, Dallas County
- Helped rewrite juvenile justice code as member of Texas House of Representatives
- Named Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year in 1993
- Wrote and passed Texas' private property rights law
- Inducted into Texas Women's Hall of Fame of 2004
- Lifetime NRA member
- Wife of 30 years and proud mother of three sons



★ Publicity: The Sun Newspapers had wonderful write-ups including pictures of our Forum. If you have not had a chance to see one you are missing out on great reviews. We will have copies of them at our November meeting. We are always looking for ways to grow our club. We continue to have ads in the Katy and 1960 area Krenek newsletters, the six area Sun newsletters and the Longwood newsletter. We now also have an ad in the Leader.

★ Ways and Means: Our current Ways and Means Project is a Membership Book. Ads will be sold to Elected Officials. The Membership Committee is hard at work on this project and we will have the Membership Books available to all as they pay their dues for 2006 in January. Our next project will be a spring fashion show. The board has dubbed the event "High Tea and High Heels". Anyone who is interested in working on this project is asked to call Kay Wagborne – 281-550-1723. I am sure it will be great fun!

★ 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. Our Candidate Forum was a huge success and all who worked so hard organizing the event and working the event should report their 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: We will collect items for *Operation Interdependence* at our November meeting. Please see the October Newsletter for a list of requested items. Remember the troops love getting personal handwritten letters, especially from children.



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Important links:

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

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

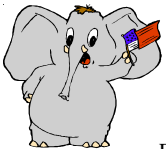
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.



“Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country...”

From George Washington’s 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation (<http://www.night.net/thanksgiving/kwash-11.html>)